

# Hunting Rules & Regulations

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**Regulations in this section apply to both private and public lands statewide, unless otherwise specified.**

Licenses and permits are required for hunting in South Carolina. Detailed information on types of licenses and permits is located on pages 52-57. All residents and nonresidents born after June 30, 1979 must successfully complete a hunter education course that is approved by the SC Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) before a hunting license can be obtained. For exceptions, see page 11.

## Basic Information on Hunting

Hunting is defined as trying to find, seek, obtain, pursue, or diligently search for game.

**Game Zones & WMAs** - South Carolina is divided into six game zones, as defined on the map below.

SCDNR sets and regulates the methods of harvest, bag limits and other requirements for hunting on Wildlife Management Areas (WMA) statewide.

The SC General Assembly establishes seasons, limits and methods for private land statewide. SCDNR is responsible for law enforcement statewide.

**Protected Game** - The following species may be hunted ONLY during legally established seasons: bear, beaver, bobcat, deer, fox, mink, muskrat, opossum, otter, rabbit, raccoon, skunk, squirrel, weasel, waterfowl (goose, brant and duck), bobwhite quail, mourning dove, rails (marsh hen), coot, gallinule, ruffed grouse, crow, wild turkey, common snipe and woodcock.

**Protected Nongame** - The following species are protected and may not be hunted, molested, caught, transported, sold or possessed in any manner: birds of prey (eagles, hawks, osprey, owls, kites and vultures) and nongame birds (except English sparrows, pigeons and starlings). Falconers must possess a SCDNR permit.

**Alligators** - It is unlawful to feed or entice an American alligator with food (50-11-750).

**Public Alligator Draw Hunts** - Hunters will be randomly selected by computerized drawing and may only apply online. A \$10 nonrefundable application fee is required to participate in the drawing. All applicants must be at least 16 years old (at the time of the hunt) in order to apply for the drawing. If selected, the permit/tag fee is \$100 and all hunters are required to possess a SC Hunting License. In addition to the \$100 permit fee and SC Hunting License, a \$200 Nonresident Alligator Hunting Fee applies to ALL permitted nonresident alligator hunters. Anyone may assist a permitted hunter, but all assistants must possess a hunting license unless they are under the age of 16. In addition, ALL nonresident alligator hunting assistants 16 years of age or older must obtain a \$200 Nonresident Alligator Hunting Fee. Endorsement, available from any license sales vendor. The deadline for applying for each year's Public Alligator Hunting Season is June 15th. The application and other details may be found on the SCDNR website. For

information regarding the Alligator Program, and licensing requirements for taking, possessing, and sale of alligators or their products, call 803-734-3938 or 803-734-4024 (the Nonresident Alligator Hunting fee for nonresident alligator hunters and nonresident assistants may be paid at any license vendor location, online at [www.dnr.sc.gov](http://www.dnr.sc.gov), or by phone at 1-866-714-3611).

**WMA Alligator Draw Hunts** - There is a special WMA Alligator draw hunt, in which the person selected will be permitted to take up to three assistants and have access to either portions of Bear Island Wildlife Management Area (WMA) or Santee Coastal WMA for one hunt period (Monday at Noon to Saturday at Noon). There are four available hunt periods during the WMA alligator hunting season. All hunters must have a hunting license, WMA permit, and if a nonresident, pay the nonresident alligator hunting fee. The permit will allow the hunter to take one alligator 4 feet or greater in length from the selected WMA property. There is a \$15 nonrefundable application fee to apply for the WMA Alligator Hunt Drawing and if selected the cost for the permit is \$500 for residents and \$800 for nonresidents. See the SCDNR website for more information.

**Archery** - means a longbow, recurve bow, compound bow or crossbow (50-11-565). There are no restrictions on draw weight/length, arrow weight/length, or broad head weight, width, or style.

**Bear** - It is unlawful to buy, sell, barter or exchange a bear or bear part or attempt to buy, sell, barter or exchange a bear or bear part. Transportation of a freshly killed bear or bear part is unlawful except during the bear season. Any person violating these offenses must be fined not more than \$2,500 or imprisoned for not more than 2 years, or both, and hunting and fishing privileges must be suspended for 3 years. It is unlawful to feed bears or to hunt bears by the aid of bait (50-11-430, 50-11-440, 50-1-130, 50-1-125).

For the privilege of taking bear, in addition to the required hunting license and big game permit, a hunter must obtain a bear tag issued in his/her name at a cost of \$25 for residents and \$100 for nonresidents. Youth under the age of sixteen are required to obtain a youth bear tag from the department at no cost. Bear tags are available online, by mail, or for immediate pickup, at the Columbia, Florence, Charleston or Clemson Offices of SCDNR. Tags must be attached to the bear before being moved from the point of kill.

Participants in party dog hunts for bear must register by application by September 1 with SCDNR. 25 members maximum per party and hunters must provide their hunting license number to register. Write: SCDNR Bear Registration Permit, 311 Natural Resources Dr. Clemson, SC 29631. Applications for tags and for party hunt registration may also be downloaded at: [www.dnr.sc.gov/bearhunting](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/bearhunting).

**Crows** - A hunting license and free Migratory Bird (HIP) Permit are required to hunt crows. Crows are migratory birds and as such, are a federally-protected species. The season is based on criteria established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The open season for crows on private lands in South Carolina is Nov. 1 - Mar. 1. There is no bag limit. During the open season on private lands, crows may be taken with any firearm, bow and arrow, or by falconry. Crow hunting on WMA lands is permitted. During the open season for small game hunting on WMAs, crows may only be hunted with weapons legal for small game. The use of electronic calls for crow hunting is permitted statewide on private land and WMA land. Crows damaging crops may be taken at any time using non-toxic shot without a federal permit (50 CFR 21.43).

**Deer** - Legal hunting time for deer is the time between one hour before official sunrise until one hour after official sunset (50-11-710).

In Game Zones 1 and 2 it is unlawful to pursue deer with dogs, and it is unlawful to bait for deer (50-11-310).

It is unlawful to hunt, shoot or in any way kill deer from a motorboat, raft or any other water conveyance, or to molest a deer while any part of the deer is in water (50-11-730).

Possessing any deer with the head detached while in transit from the point of kill is prohibited (50-11-400).

It is unlawful to hunt deer within 300 yards of a residence without permission of the owner and occupant, except that a landowner may hunt on his own land (50-11-355).

## South Carolina Game Zones



Archery, muzzleloaders and crossbows are allowed during gun hunts.

**Antlerless Deer** - An antlerless deer is defined as a deer with no antlers or an antlered deer with less than two inches of antler visible above the hairline. Antlerless deer may not be possessed, hunted, shot or in any way killed except during special seasons or by special permit (50-11-410).

**Antlerless Deer Harvest Programs** are conducted statewide using either-sex days and 2 optional antlerless deer tag programs. The dates for either-sex days are shown in the hunting season section on page 35.

Optional antlerless deer tag programs that hunters may choose to participate in include the **Individual Antlerless Deer Tag Program** and the **Antlerless Deer Quota Program (ADQP)**.

With the **Individual Antlerless Deer Tag Program** hunters may purchase up to 4 personal tags, for \$5 each, which can be used on any day open to deer hunting with the following Game Zone restrictions: **Tags are not valid in Game Zone 1 (Mountains)**. In Game Zone 2 (Piedmont) tags are valid on public and private land starting Oct. 1. In Game Zones 3-6 (Coastal Plain) tags are valid on private lands and "unnamed" small WMAs starting Sept. 15. Tags are also valid on Sand Hills State Forest WMA in Chesterfield Co., North Dike WMA in Berkeley Co., Longleaf Pine WMA in Lee Co., Francis Marion National Forest in Berkeley and Charleston counties during still gun hunts for deer starting Sept. 15. Tags do not have to be used on scheduled county-wide either-sex days. Tags are not valid on properties enrolled in the Antlerless Deer Quota Program. Tags do not alter the daily or seasonal bag limits prescribed for Game Zones or alter the type of weapon allowed.

All persons purchasing tags in past years will be sent a renewal notice in August. New applicants may complete the application provided on page 13 or contact SCDNR Deer Project at 803-734-3886 to receive an application. The possession and use of these tags are limited to the purchaser.

**Antlerless Deer Quota Program** - Antlerless deer quotas are issued to qualifying landowners or lessees statewide who complete and submit an application along with a \$50 fee prior to Jul. 18 each year. This program is generally better suited for landowners or lessees with larger acreages. Under the ADQP, a quota of tags is issued for a particular tract of land based on criteria including: density of the local deer population, condition of the local deer population, the size of the tract of land and the recreational and agricultural objectives of the property owner.

Utilization of tags issued under the ADQP is subject to the following Game Zone restrictions. In Game Zone 1 (Mountains) tags are valid beginning Oct. 1. In Game Zone 2 (Central & Western Piedmont) and Game Zones 3-6 (Coastal Plain) tags are valid beginning Sept. 15. Tags issued for a particular tract of land can only be used on that tract and they must be used on all antlerless deer that are harvested, including antlerless deer harvested on either-sex days or by bow and arrow in Game Zones 1 & 2. Tags do not alter the daily or seasonal bag limits or use of weapons during special weapons seasons in Game Zones 1 & 2. A harvest report must be completed by the applicant at the close of the season.

**Coyotes and Armadillos** - A hunting license is required to hunt coyotes and armadillos, however there is no closed season on hunting coyotes and armadillos on private lands statewide. Coyotes and armadillos may be hunted at night with an artificial light that is carried on the hunter's person attached to a helmet or hat, or part of a belt system worn by the hunter (50-11-710). Coyotes and armadillos may be hunted at night with a rifle no larger than .22 caliber rimfire, a shotgun with a shot size no larger than size BB, or a sidearm of any caliber that has iron sights and a barrel length not exceeding nine inches. A sidearm may not have a butt stock attached so as to create a longarm. Any weapon used to hunt coyotes or armadillos at night may not be equipped with a scope, laser site, light, or light enhancing device (including night vision or thermal imaging). It is unlawful to have in one's possession any shot size larger than a BB while hunting coyotes or armadillos at night with a shotgun, and coyotes and armadillos may not be hunted at night from a vehicle, unless specifically permitted by the department.

Coyotes and armadillos cannot be hunted at night on WMA lands but can be hunted during the day on WMAs where coyote and armadillo hunting is allowed.

On WMA lands, weapons used to hunt coyotes and armadillos are limited to the weapon(s) that are allowed for the current open season on the WMA - see WMA seasons listing in the Game Zones sections beginning on page 44.

The use of electronic calls for coyote hunting is permitted statewide on private and WMA lands. Dog hunting for coyotes is allowed year-round on

private lands statewide. Deer may not be hunted with dogs on any lands in Game Zones 1 & 2. On WMA lands in Game Zones 1 & 2 coyotes may not be hunted with dogs during still gun and muzzleloader hunts for deer or bear. The possession or transport of live coyotes is allowed only by permit from SCDNR.

**Feral Hogs** - Feral or wild hogs occur in the wild in every county of the state. They compete directly with native wildlife species, damage plants, agricultural crops and threaten public and livestock health. Those dressing feral hogs should wear rubber gloves and eye protection.

It is illegal to remove a hog from the wild alive unless it is taken pursuant to a permit issued by the SCDNR at a cost of \$50 (50-16-25). All hogs taken pursuant to a permit must be tagged in each ear with tags provided by the Department and may only be released onto the same tract of land or into a permitted hog hunting enclosure within the county where the hogs were captured. Hogs taken under permit within a county cannot be transported into or through another county.

There is no closed season on hogs on private land and hogs can be hunted at night with an artificial light that is carried on the hunter's person attached to a helmet or hat, or part of a belt system worn by the hunter and with a sidearm that has iron sights, and barrel length not exceeding nine inches (50-11-710). The sidearm may not be equipped with a butt-stock, scope, laser site, or light emitting or light enhancing device. However, hogs may not be hunted at night from a vehicle, or with a centerfire rifle or shotgun, unless specifically permitted by the department.

Dogs can be used to hunt and bay hogs at night as long as the hunter(s) complies with the equipment restrictions above.

Hogs cannot be hunted at night on WMA lands but can be hunted during the day on WMAs where hog hunting is allowed. See WMA page 55.

**Importation and Possession** - It is unlawful to import, possess or transport for the purpose of release, or to introduce or bring into this state any live wildlife of the following types without a permit from the SCDNR: a member of the family Cervidae (deer, moose, elk, etc.), coyote, bear, turkey, furbearers (fox, raccoon, opossum, muskrat, mink, skunk, otter, bobcat, weasel and beaver), a nondomestic member of the families Suidae or Tayassuidae (pigs), or Bovidae (bison, antelope, mountain goat, mountain sheep) (50-16-20).

The importation or sale of live wolves is prohibited in South Carolina, except for exhibition or scientific purposes upon the approval of SCDNR as provided by regulations (50-11-1765). It is unlawful to import coyotes. The sale of coyotes is allowed only by permit from SCDNR (50-11-2630). A person may not have a live wolf in his possession without a SCDNR permit. Federal law prohibits importing, exporting, selling, buying, receiving or acquiring big cats across state lines. For information and exceptions, contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Southeast Region, 1875 Century Blvd., Atlanta, GA 30345.

*Note: SCDNR does not advocate or encourage keeping wildlife in captivity.*

**Primitive Weapons** - For special primitive weapons seasons, primitive weapons include bow and arrow, crossbows and muzzleloading shotguns of twenty gauge or larger, and rifles of .36 caliber or larger with open or peep sights or scopes, which use black powder or a black powder substitute that does not contain nitrocellulose or nitro-glycerin components as the propellant charge. There are no restrictions on ignition systems including flintstone, percussion cap, shotgun primer, disk, or electronic. During primitive weapons season, no revolving rifles are permitted (50-11-310).

**Turkey** - Season dates: Game Zone 6 private land only, Mar. 15-May 1. Game Zones 1,2,3,4,5 and selected Wildlife Management Areas, Apr. 1-May 1. See page 37 for season dates and regulations for WMA and private land. No Sunday hunting on WMAs.

**Small Game** - Small game includes the following species: quail, squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, opossum, fox, beaver, bobcat, mink, muskrat, otter, skunk, grouse and weasel. Unless otherwise specified in the small game seasons charts beginning on page 36, hunt dates for these species are from Thanksgiving day through Mar. 1.

**Migratory Birds** - Migratory birds include: mourning dove, marsh hens, rails, woodcock, common snipe, common moorhens, purple gallinules, ducks, mergansers, sea ducks, coots, blue & snow geese, brant, Canada geese and crows.

Effective Jul. 1, 1998, anyone over 16 or all licensed hunters hunting migratory game birds in the United States must have an HIP permit and complete a short questionnaire before hunting. Permits are available from any DNR license sales vendor, DNR office or online. There is no cost for the permit.



Seasons, shooting hours, limits and other special restrictions on migratory bird hunting are set by SCDNR in accordance with guidelines set by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. Detailed SCDNR South Carolina Rules & Regulations information on the seasons and restrictions is provided in a separate Migratory Bird Brochure available in September.

Listed below are frequently requested rules for hunting migratory birds.

- Shotguns must be plugged so as to hold no more than 3 shells.
- Baiting or hunting over bait is strictly prohibited.
- All hunting hours end at official sunset.
- The possession of lead shot is prohibited while waterfowl hunting.
- In addition to a migratory bird permit (HIP), a SC Migratory Waterfowl Permit and Federal Waterfowl Stamp is required for hunting ducks, geese and brandt. Electronic Federal Waterfowl Stamps are not valid in SC.

Refer to the Migratory Bird Brochure for complete information on particular species and other restrictions.

**Bird Dog Training** - Bird dogs may be trained year-round on private land. Trainers must have a valid hunting license and may only use firearms with blank ammunition during the closed season for quail. A Bird Dog Trainer's License is available to persons engaged in the business of training bird dogs in return for money, goods or services. This license allows a trainer and two assistants to take pen-raised quail during the closed season while training dogs. Applicants must provide documentation of land areas to be used for training. For information, or to obtain a license, contact SCDNR Small Game Project at P.O. Box 167, Columbia, SC 29202 or call 803-734-3609.

**Calls, recorded or electronically amplified** - It is illegal to hunt, catch, take, kill or attempt to hunt, catch, take or kill any game bird or game animal with the aid of recorded calls or sounds or recorded or electronically amplified imitations of calls or sounds (50-11-40). Crows, coyotes or hogs are not game birds/animals and therefore can be hunted using electronic calls on private lands and WMA lands.

**Crossbows** - Crossbows may be used on private lands and WMA lands statewide during all archery, muzzleloader or gun seasons for deer, bear and turkey.

**Deer Processors** - It is unlawful to keep any deer in cold storage or refrigerating plants unless the carcass is clearly marked with the hunter's name, address and hunting license number (50-11-1700). This does not apply to storage at a private residence or to deer that have an Individual Antlerless Deer Tag Program tag attached to the hamstring since the hunter's name, address and tag number appear on the face of the tag. Deer processors should recognize that it is unlawful to sell deer meat to regain the processing fee for deer that have not been picked-up by the owner (50-11-1910). The best practice is to take a deposit for the processing service when deer are left at the facility. If meat is not picked-up by the owner, it can be given to another individual at no charge.

**Field Trials** - It is unlawful to conduct or participate in any field trial unless a permit for such trial has been obtained from SCDNR. Requests for field trial permits must be submitted to SCDNR at least 14 days prior to the proposed trial date. Requests shall include payment of \$5 per trial and the time and location of the proposed trial. A charter or document indicating that the trial is sanctioned by a nationally recognized field trial organization must accompany all requests for field trial permits. For information, or to obtain a permit, contact SCDNR Small Game Project at P.O. Box 167, Columbia, SC 29202 or call 803-734-3609.

**Hunting from Public Roads** - It is unlawful to hunt from a public road unless the hunter has permission to hunt the adjacent property. Hunting as used in this section includes possessing, carrying or having readily accessible a loaded centerfire rifle, or a shotgun loaded with shot size larger than number four. Loaded means a weapon within which any ammunition is contained. This does not include weapons contained in a closed compartment, closed vehicle trunk, or a vehicle traveling on a public road. A person convicted of unlawful road hunting forfeits hunting privileges for one year. See WMA Regulations Page 31 for restrictions on WMA lands.

**Negligent Hunting** - It is unlawful to use a firearm or archery tackle in a criminally negligent manner while in preparation for, engaged in the act of, or returning from hunting. Criminal negligence is defined as the reckless disregard for the safety of others.

**Night** - Night is defined as that period of time between one hour after official sunset of a day and one hour before official sunrise of the following day (50-11-710).

**Night Hunting** - Night hunting is unlawful except that raccoons, opossums, foxes, mink, skunk, coyotes, armadillos and hogs may be hunted at night. Information related to hunting coyotes, armadillos and feral hogs during night is provided on page 29 of this document under specific headings for these animals.

Raccoons, opossums, foxes, mink, and skunk may not be hunted with artificial lights except when treed or cornered with dogs. Devices that amplify light using some type of power source (including night vision and infrared devices) are considered artificial light. No buckshot or any shot larger than a No. 4, or any ammunition larger than .22 rimfire may be used. It is unlawful to use artificial lights at night, except vehicle headlights while traveling in a normal manner on a public road or highway, while in possession of or with immediate access to, both ammunition of a type prohibited for use at night and a firearm capable of firing the ammunition (50-11-710). Rabbit hunting at night without weapons is lawful on private land.

**Rabbit Boxes** - It is unlawful for any person to trap rabbits, except that a landlord or tenant may use not more than five rabbit boxes on lands on which he has exclusive control during the gun season for rabbits. A hunting license is required to use rabbit boxes. Rabbit boxes are not permitted on WMA lands (50-11-160).

**Running Seasons (No gun season)** - During any period when rabbits, raccoons, opossums, squirrels or fox may be hunted without firearms, it is illegal to hunt such game when carrying on one's person or in one's vehicle any firearm.

**Shining** - In all game zones, the use of artificial lights for the purpose of observing or harassing wildlife is unlawful, except that a property owner, lessee, or person with written permission from the property owner may use artificial lights to observe wildlife prior to 11:00 PM. This section does not prohibit an owner of real property from using artificial lights for the purpose of protecting the property. This section does not prohibit the use of remote trail monitors or cameras from fixed locations on a property, nor does it prohibit a person or group, with written permission of the landowner or leaseholder of the property, from observing wildlife with the use of artificial lights who is engaged in research or documentary filming (50-11-708).

**Selling Game Animals** - It is unlawful to sell, except by special permit, any protected wildlife (50-1-290). Furbearing animals may be sold with a valid commercial fur harvest license. Contact SCDNR for a copy of the commercial fur harvest regulations.

**Sunday Hunting** - Hunting is prohibited on Sundays on all WMA lands. On private lands statewide, Sunday hunting for all game is legal.

**Transporting Firearms** - There are no SCDNR restrictions on transporting firearms by licensed hunters and fishermen in a vehicle to and from the place of hunting and fishing except on WMA lands. For regulations on WMA lands see Weapons 3.4 on page 31.

**Commercial Fur Harvest** - Regulations available in a separate publication or online at <http://www.dnr.sc.gov/regs/furharvest.html>.

**Trapping** - Regulations are available in a separate brochure and <http://www.dnr.sc.gov/regs/furharvest.html>

**Trespass** - It shall be unlawful to enter upon the lands of another for the purpose of hunting, fishing, trapping or retrieval of dogs without the consent of the landowner or manager.

**Youth Hunting Days** - are scheduled for many species of game and allow youth 17 years of age and under to hunt as long as they are accompanied by a licensed adult 21 years or older. Only the youth may take or attempt to take game and license requirements are waived for the youth hunter (50-9-740). See Page 56 for youth hunt day list.

## WMA Abuse

Any person who damages, destroys or misuses WMA lands or improvements on them including, but not limited to, roads, vegetation, buildings, structures or fences, leaves refuse, trash or other debris on the property, or sets, makes or builds a fire (except in an area specially designated as a campfire area), operates a motor conveyance on areas or roads closed to operation, target practices, camps in areas except for designated campsites, disregards safety or restrictive postings as designated by the landowner or who otherwise abuses, damages, destroys or misuses wildlife management areas is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined \$200 and be required to make restitution to the landowner in an amount determined by the court to be necessary to repair, rebuild, restore or clean up the property to its condition before the abuse occurred. A person who is convicted of damaging, destroying, abusing or misusing Wildlife Management Area land shall lose the privilege of entering WMA land for one year (50-11-2210).



## WMA Public Drawing Hunts

The SCDNR offers a variety of WMA hunts through computerized drawings. Hunt fees range from \$10 to \$800 per hunter and must be submitted at the time of application. Applications for deer hunts are available in Jul., waterfowl and quail hunts in Sept. and youth/adult only turkey hunts in Feb.. Deadlines to apply for draw hunts are generally mid-Aug. (deer), mid-Oct. for quail and waterfowl and early Mar. for youth turkey hunts. Applications are available at SCDNR offices statewide (refer to directory on page 66 or write SCDNR Public Drawing Hunts, PO Box 167, Columbia, SC 29202 or visit our web site at [www.dnr.sc.gov/hunting/drawhunts](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/hunting/drawhunts)).

## GENERAL REGULATIONS

- On all SCDNR-owned WMA lands the removal of artifacts or ecofacts (including arrowheads) from the surface or subsurface is prohibited except when approved by the State Historic Preservation Office and carried out in accordance with their guidelines.

- Statutes 50-11-2200 and 50-11-2210 authorize the promulgation of WMA regulations. See specific game zones for seasons.

**2.1** Except as provided in these regulations, it is unlawful to hunt or take wildlife on areas designated by the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) as Wildlife Management Area (WMA) lands.

**2.2** Entry onto WMA land is done wholly and completely at the risk of the individual. Neither the landowner or the State of South Carolina nor the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources accepts any responsibility for acts, omissions, activities or conditions on these lands which cause or may cause personal injury or property damage.

**2.3** Entry onto WMA land constitutes consent to an inspection and search of the person, game bag or creel.

**2.4** It is unlawful for anyone to hunt or take wildlife on WMA land unless an individual is in possession of a valid South Carolina license; a valid WMA permit; and other applicable federal or state permits, stamps, or licenses.

**2.5** No Sunday hunting is permitted on any WMA lands.

**2.6** On all WMA lands, baiting or hunting over a baited area is prohibited. As used in this section, "bait" or "baiting" means the placing, depositing, exposing, distributing, or scattering of shelled, shucked, or unshucked corn, wheat, or other grain or other food stuffs to constitute an attraction, lure, or enticement to, on, or over any area. "Baited area" means an area where bait is directly or indirectly placed, deposited, exposed, distributed, or scattered and the area remains a baited area for ten (10) days following the complete removal of all bait. Salt/minerals are not considered bait.

**2.7** On WMA lands construction or use of tree stands is prohibited if the tree stand is constructed by driving nails or other devices into trees or if wire is wrapped around trees. Other tree stands and temporary screw-in type climbing devices are permitted provided they are not permanently affixed or embedded in the tree. All stands must be removed by the end of deer hunting season.

**2.8** On WMA lands any hunter younger than sixteen (16) years of age must be accompanied by an adult (21 years or older) who is validly licensed and holds applicable permits, licenses or stamps for the use of WMA lands. Sight and voice contact must be maintained.

**2.9** Notwithstanding any other provision of these regulations, the Department may permit special seasons on any day during the regular hunting season.

**2.10** No person may release or attempt to release any animal onto WMA lands without approval from the Department.

**2.11** While participating in a hunt on WMAs, no person may possess, consume or be under the influence of intoxicants, including beer, wine, liquor or drugs.

**2.12** On WMA lands, during the designated statewide youth deer hunt day, still hunting only, two deer, either-sex.

**2.13** Taking or destroying timber, other forest products or cutting firewood on WMA lands without written permission from the landowner or his agents is prohibited. Users of WMA lands are prohibited from planting, attempting to plant, burning or otherwise attempting to manipulate crops, natural vegetation or openings without written permission from the landowner or his agent.

**2.14** On WMA lands, hunting armadillos, coyotes and hogs at night is prohibited. Armadillos and coyotes may be hunted during any open season for game during daylight hours. Weapon(s) used to hunt armadillos and coyotes are limited to the weapon(s) that are allowed for the current open season on WMA.

## WEAPONS

**3.1** On WMA lands hunters may use any shotgun, rifle, bow and arrow, crossbow or hand gun except specific weapons may be prohibited on certain hunts. Small game hunters may possess or use shotguns with shot no larger than No. 2 or .22 or smaller rimfire rifles/handguns or primitive muzzle-loading rifles of .40 caliber or smaller. Small game hunters may not possess or use buckshot, slugs or shot larger than No. 2. Blow guns, dart guns or drugged arrows are not permitted. Small game hunters using archery equipment must use small game tips on the arrows (judo points, bludgeon points, etc.).

**3.2** For Special Primitive Weapons Seasons, primitive weapons include bow and arrow, crossbow and muzzle-loading shotguns (20 gauge or larger) and rifles (.36 caliber or larger) with open or peep sights or scopes, which use black powder or a black powder substitute that does not contain nitro-cellulose or nitro-glycerin components as the propellant charge; there are no restrictions on ignition systems (e.g. Flintstone, percussion cap, shotgun primer, disk, electronic, etc.). During primitive weapons season, no revolving rifles are permitted.

**3.3** On WMA lands, big game hunters are not allowed to use military or hard-jacketed bullets or .22 or smaller rimfire. Buckshot is prohibited during still hunts for deer or hogs on the Santee Coastal Reserve, Bucksport, Pee Dee Station Site, Lewis Ocean Bay, Great Pee Dee, Crack-neck, Webb Center, Marsh Furniture, Manchester State Forest, Palachucola, Waccamaw River Heritage Preserve, Donnelley, Francis Marion, Moultrie, Edisto River, Bonneau Ferry and McBee WMA lands.

**3.4** On WMAs all firearms transported in vehicles must be unloaded and secured in a weapons case, or in the trunk of a vehicle or in a locked toolbox. On the Francis Marion Hunt Unit during deer hunts with dogs, loaded shotguns may be transported in vehicles. Any shotgun, centerfire rifle, rimfire rifle or pistol with a shell in the chamber, magazine or muzzle-loader with a cap on the nipple or flintlock with powder in the flash pan is considered loaded.

**3.5** No target practice is permitted on WMA lands except in specifically designated areas.

**3.6** On WMA lands during still gun hunts for deer or hogs there shall be no hunting or shooting from, on or across any road open to vehicle traffic. During any deer or hog hunt there shall be no open season for hunting on any designated recreational trail on U.S Forest Service or SC Public Service Authority property.

## DEER

**4.1** On WMA lands with designated check stations, all deer bagged must be checked at a check station. Deer bagged too late for reporting one day must be reported the following day. Unless otherwise specified by the department, only bucks (male deer) may be taken on all WMA lands. Male deer must have antlers visible two (2) inches above the hairline to be legally bagged on "bucks only" hunts. Male deer with visible antlers of less than two (2) inches above the hairline must be taken only on either-sex days or pursuant to permits issued by the department. A point is any projection at least one inch long and longer than wide at some location at least one inch from the tip of the projection. Antler spread is the greatest outside measurement (main beam or points) on a plane perpendicular to the skull. On WMA lands, man drives for deer or hogs are permitted between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM only, except that no man drives may be conducted on days designated by the department for taking deer of either-sex. On WMA lands, drivers participating in man drives are prohibited from carrying or using weapons. On WMA lands, in Game Zones 1 & 2 man drives will be permitted on the last four (4) scheduled either-sex days. A man drive is defined as an organized hunting technique involving two (2) or more individuals whereby an attempt is made to drive game animals from cover or habitat for the purpose of shooting, killing or moving such animals toward other hunters.



**4.2** Deer either-sex days for gun hunts are as follows (See Game Zone sections beginning on page 44 for specific dates):

- Game Zone 1: The first three Saturdays in Nov..
- Game Zones 2-6: Every Saturday from Oct. 1 to the Saturday after Thanksgiving Day inclusive; Saturdays in Dec. beginning 23 days after Thanksgiving Day and the last day of the open season. In Game Zones 1 and 2 hunters using archery equipment may take either sex during any open season for deer.

## **DOGS**

**5.1** On all WMA lands, dogs may be used for small game hunting unless otherwise specified.

**5.2** On all WMA lands in Game Zones 1 & 2, dogs may not be used for rabbit hunting during still gun hunts for deer or bear. Dogs may be used from the close of the gun season for deer until the close of the rabbit season. Dogs may be trained for rabbit hunting from Sept. 1 through Sept. 30 (no guns).

**5.3** On WMA lands, dogs may be used for hunting foxes, raccoons, bobcats or opossums only between thirty (30) minutes after official sunset and thirty (30) minutes before official sunrise.

**5.4** The Department may permit deer hunting with dogs on WMA areas not located in Game Zones 1 & 2. For the purposes of tracking a wounded deer, a hunter may use one dog which is kept on a leash.

**5.5** Dogs may be used to hunt bear on WMA lands in Game Zone 1 during the special party dog bear season.

**5.6** On WMA lands, dogs may be used to hunt hogs only during special designated hog hunts with dogs.

## **VEHICLES**

All terrain vehicles are not allowed on any Heritage Preserve Reg. 123-203 D.1.

**6.1** On all WMA lands, no hunter may shoot from a vehicle except that mobility-impaired hunters may take game from any stationary motor driven land conveyance or trailer which is operated in compliance with these rules. For purposes of this regulation, mobility impaired means individuals who are permanently confined to a wheelchair, permanently require the use of two crutches, permanently require the use of a walker to walk, or persons with single or double leg amputations. Written confirmation of permanent impairment is required from a physician or qualifying agency.

**6.2** On WMA lands, motor-driven land conveyances must be operated only on designated roads or trails. Unless otherwise specified, roads or trails which are closed by barricades and/or signs, either permanently or temporarily, are off limits to motor-driven land conveyances.

**6.3** It is unlawful to obstruct travel routes on WMA lands.

## **VISIBLE COLOR CLOTHING**

**7.1** On WMA lands during any gun and muzzleloader hunting season for deer, bear and hogs, all hunters, including small game hunters, must wear either a hat, coat, or vest of solid visible international orange, except hunters for dove, turkey, ducks, geese and other migratory birds are exempt from this requirement while hunting for those species.

## **CAMPING**

**8.1** Camping is not permitted on WMA lands except in designated camp sites.

## **TRAPPING**

**9.1** Trapping on WMA lands is not permitted.

## **WATERFOWL and DOVE REGULATIONS**

Dates, times, locations and regulations for hunts on designated Dove Management Areas (public dove fields) are printed annually. The Public Dove Field List is available Aug. 1 by calling 803-734-3886 or on the SCDNR web site at <https://www.dnr.sc.gov/lands/wma>. Specific seasons, limits and regulations for waterfowl hunting are printed annually in the SC Migratory Bird Regulations available in Sept.

**10.1** Unless specially designated by the Department as a Wildlife Management Area for Waterfowl or a Wildlife Management Area for Dove, all Wildlife Management Areas are open during the regular season for hunting and taking of migratory birds except where restricted to special small game seasons within the regular migratory bird framework.

**10.2** The Department may designate sections of Wildlife Management Areas and other lands and waters under the control of the Department as Designated Waterfowl Management Areas or Designated Dove Management Areas. All laws and regulations governing Wildlife Management

Areas apply to these special areas. In addition, the Department may set special shooting hours, bag limits and methods of hunting and taking waterfowl and doves on those areas. All State and Federal migratory bird laws and regulations apply. Regulations pertaining to the use of Dove Management Areas will be filed annually.

**10.3** On areas where blinds are not provided, only temporary blinds of native vegetation may be constructed, and once vacated become available for others or portable blinds which are removed at the conclusion of the hunt may be used.

**10.4** On Designated Waterfowl Areas, no species other than waterfowl may be taken during waterfowl hunts. On Designated Dove Management Areas no species other than doves may be taken during dove hunts. Only dove hunting is allowed at Lake Wallace WMA.

**10.5** No fishing is permitted in any Category 1 Designated Waterfowl Management Area during scheduled waterfowl hunts.

**10.6** The Clarks Hill Waterfowl Area is closed to hunting except for waterfowl hunting and other special hunts as designated by the SCDNR.

**10.7** Santee Cooper WMA is closed to public access from Oct. 20 until Mar. 1, except for special hunts designated by the SCDNR.

**10.8** Sandy Beach Waterfowl Area and impoundments on Bonneau Ferry WMA are closed to public access during the period Nov. 1 until Mar. 1, except for special hunts designated by the Department.

**10.9** Broad River Waterfowl Management Area is closed to public access during the period Nov. 1 until Feb. 1, except for special hunts designated by the Department.

**10.10** Impoundments on Bear Island, Donnelley, Samworth, Santee Coastal Reserve and Santee Delta WMAs are closed to all public access during the period Nov. 1 until Feb. 8, except during special hunts designated by the Department. All public access during the period Feb. 9 until Oct. 14 is limited to designated areas. On Bear Island WMA, Matthews Canal is closed to all hunting from Nov. 1 - Feb. 15 beyond a point 0.8 mile from the confluence of Matthews Canal with the South Edisto River.

**10.11** Potato Creek Hatchery Waterfowl Area is closed to public access and fishing one week prior to and two weeks after the Federal Waterfowl Season, except for scheduled waterfowl hunts. All hunters must enter and leave the Potato Creek Hatchery Waterfowl Area through the designated public landing on secondary road 260 and complete a data card and deposit card in receptacle prior to leaving the area. Hunting hours are from 30 minutes before legal sunrise to legal sunset (including the special youth hunt). Hunters may not enter the area prior to 3:00 AM on hunt days. No airboats are allowed for hunting or fishing and no hunting from secondary road 260.

**10.12** Hunters may not enter Hatchery WMA prior to 3:00 AM and must leave the area by 1 PM except on the last Saturday of waterfowl season when hunters may hunt until sunset. Each hunter is limited to twenty-five nontoxic shot shells (steel, bismuth/tin, bismuth, tungsten-polymer, tungsten-iron) per hunt and no buckshot allowed. Hunters must enter and leave Hatchery WMA through the Hatchery Landing and accurately complete a data card and deposit card in receptacle prior to leaving the area. No airboats are allowed in the Hatchery WMA for hunting or fishing during the period Nov. 15 until Jan. 31. No fishing is allowed during scheduled waterfowl hunts.

**10.14** On Crackerneck WMA waterfowl may be hunted only on Fri., Sat. and Thanksgiving Day within the regular migratory bird seasons and no hunting on Dec. 25; Fant's Grove WMA is open AM only on Wednesdays and Saturdays during the regular migratory bird seasons; Palachucola WMA, Tillman Sand Ridge WMA, Hamilton Ridge WMA and Webb WMA are open AM only for waterfowl hunting during the regular migratory bird seasons only on days when small game hunting is allowed.

**10.15** Category I Designated Waterfowl Areas include Beaverdam, Bonneau Ferry, Broad River, Clemson, Sandy Beach, Samworth, Santee Coastal Reserve, Santee-Delta, Tibwin, Bear Island, and Donnelley Wildlife Management Areas. Hunting in Category I Designated Waterfowl Areas is by special permit obtained through annual computer drawing.

**10.16** Category II Designated Waterfowl Areas include Biedler Impoundment, Carr Creek (bounded by Samworth WMA), Little Carr Creek (bounded by Samworth WMA), Lake Cunningham, Russell Creek, Monticello Reservoir, Parr Reservoir, Duncan Creek, Dunaway, Dungannon, Enoree River, Moultrie, Hatchery, Hickory Top, Hickory Top Greentree Reservoir, Lancaster Reservoir, Turtle Island, Little Pee River Complex (including Ervin Dargan, Horace Tilghman), Great Pee Dee River, Potato Creek Hatchery, Sampson Island Unit (Bear Island), Tyger River, Marsh, Wee Tee, 40

Acre Rock, Waccamaw River Heritage Preserve, Ditch Pond, Santee Cooper and Woodbury Waterfowl Management Areas. Hunting on Category II Designated Waterfowl Areas is in accordance with scheduled dates and times.

**10.17** On Hickory Top WMA, public waterfowl hunting without a Wildlife Management Area (WMA) permit is allowed on all land and water below 76.8'. Waterfowl hunting at or above elevation 76.8' requires a WMA

<b>DESIGNATED WATERFOWL AREAS BAG LIMITS = FEDERAL LIMITS</b>	
<b>Area</b>	<b>Open Dates Inclusive</b>
Biedler Impoundment (Sumter County)	Sat. AM only during the regular season.
Bear Island (Colleton County)	Hunters selected by drawing during the regular season.
Beaverdam (Anderson County)	Hunters selected by drawing during the regular season.
Bonneau Ferry (Berkeley County)	Hunters selected by drawing.
Broad River (Fairfield County)	Hunters selected by drawing.
Carr Creek (bounded by Samworth WMA)	Wed. and Sat. AM only during the regular season.
Ditch Pond (Aiken/Barnwell Cos.)	Wed. AM only during the regular season.
Donnelley (Colleton County)	Hunters selected by drawing.
Dunaway (Union County)	Sat. AM only during the regular season.
Duncan Creek (Laurens County)	Sat. AM only during the regular season.
Dungannon (Charleston County)	Wed. AM only during the regular season. No hunting from boardwalk.
Enoree River (Newberry County)	Sat. AM only during the regular season.
Clemson (Anderson County)	Hunters selected by drawing.
Hatchery (Berkeley County)	Sat. AM only and until sunset on the last Sat. of the regular waterfowl season.
Hickory Top (Clarendon County)	Federal waterfowl seasons.
Hickory Top Greentree Reservoir (Clarendon County)	Sat. AM until 11:00 AM only during the regular season. No season on roads or dikes.
Lake Cunningham (Greenville County)	Wed. AM only during the regular season.
Lancaster Reservoir (Lancaster County)	Mon. and Fri. AM only during the regular season.
Little Carr Creek (bounded by Samworth WMA)	Wed. and Sat. AM only during the regular season.
Marsh (Marion County)	Wed. and Sat. AM only during the regular season.
Monticello Reservoir (Fairfield County)	Wed. and Sat. AM only during the regular season.
Moultrie (Berkeley County)	Mon. through Sat. during the regular season.

<b>DESIGNATED WATERFOWL AREAS BAG LIMITS = FEDERAL LIMITS</b>	
<b>Area</b>	<b>Open Dates Inclusive</b>
Parr Reservoir (Fairfield County)	Mon. through Sat. during the regular season.
Potato Creek Hatchery (Clarendon County)	Wed. and Sat. only during the regular season.
Russell Creek (McCormick County)	Wed. and Sat. AM only during the regular season.
Sampson Island Unit (Bear Island) (Colleton County)	Thurs. and Sat. AM only during the regular season.
Samworth (Georgetown County)	Hunters selected by drawing.
Sandy Beach (Berkeley County)	Hunters selected by drawing.
Santee Coastal Res. (Charleston/Georgetown counties)	Hunters selected by drawing.
Santee Cooper (Orangeburg County)	Sat. AM only during regular season.
Santee-Delta (Georgetown County)	Hunters selected by drawing.
Tibwin (Charleston County)	Special hunts by drawing.
Turtle Island (Jasper County)	Wed. and Sat. AM only during the regular season.
Tyger River (Union County)	Sat. AM only during the regular season.
Great Pee Dee (Darlington County)	Wednesdays during federal waterfowl season. From legal shooting hours until 12:00 noon.
Little Pee Dee River Complex (Horry/Marion counties)	Wednesdays during federal waterfowl season. From legal shooting hours until 12:00 noon.
Waccamaw River HP (Horry County)	Wed. and Sat. AM only.
Wee Tee (Williamsburg/Georgetown counties)	Wed. and Sat. AM only during the regular season.
Woodbury (Marion County)	Wed. and Sat. AM only during the regular season.
40 Acre Rock (Lancaster County)	Sat. AM only during the regular season.

permit. A WMA permit is required for waterfowl hunting in Hickory Top Greentree Reservoir.

**10.18** Designated Dove Management Areas include all dove management areas as published by the Department in the annual listing of WMA public dove fields and are subject to regulations filed annually.

**10.19** Hickory Top Greentree Reservoir is closed to hunting access Nov. 1 until Mar. 1, except for special hunts designated by SCDNR. All hunters must accurately complete a data card and deposit card in receptacle prior to leaving the area. Hunting hours are from 30 minutes before legal sunrise until 11:00 am. Hunters may not enter the area prior to 5:00 AM on hunt days. No open season from roads or the dike system. Hunters may only use electric motors on boats.

**10.20** On all state-owned, US Forest Service and other federally-owned Category I and II Waterfowl Management Areas, each hunter is limited to 25 non-toxic shells (steel, bismuth/tin, bismuth, tungsten, polymer, tungsten-iron) per hunt and no buckshot allowed.

**10.21** On Enoree River, Dunaway, Duncan Creek, Russell Creek and Tyger River Waterfowl Areas, data cards are required for hunter access during scheduled waterfowl hunts. Completed data cards must be returned daily upon leaving each of these areas.

**10.22** Woodbury Waterfowl Management Area includes all SCDNR/owned property south of US Highway 378 and bounded on the west by the Great Pee Dee River and Bluff Road and to the east by the Little Pee Dee River except no waterfowl hunting allowed in the area known as Hass Pond that is bounded on all sides by Hass Pond Road.

### AMPHIBIANS AND REPTILES

**11.1** Taking of any amphibian or reptile, except the bullfrog, is prohibited on any Department-owned Wildlife Management Areas without written permission of the Department.

### Shooting Ranges <http://www.dnr.sc.gov/shooting>

SCDNR operates multiple shooting ranges that are open for use during certain hours which are subject to change according to time of year, hunting seasons, etc. To confirm hours of operation, call the SCDNR Clemson office at 864-654-1671 ext. 18 or for the Palachucola Range call 803-625-3569.

**Pickens County Range** - From Easley, take SC Highway 8 approximately 4 miles towards Pickens. Turn left on Breazeale Road. Drive ½ mile beyond SC Dept. of Transportation Maintenance Shop and turn left on Porter Rd. Go approximately ½ mile and turn left at the red gate. The range is located at the end of the gravel road.

**Hours:** Tuesday - Saturday: 9 AM - 5 PM (EST) or as posted. Closed Sunday and Monday. For more information, call 864-855-5747.

**SCDNR James O. Thomson Shooting Range** - (Spartanburg Co.) From Pauline, take SC Highway 215 approximately .5 mile east toward Glenn Springs. Turn left on Foster Mill Circle and drive 2.5 miles (paved road becomes gravel road). Range is on the left side of the road.

**Hours:** Tuesday - Saturday: 9 AM - 5 PM (EST). Closed Sun. and Mon.

**Palachucola Range** - (Hampton Co.) - 8:00 AM - dark, Wednesday & Saturday except during deer & turkey hunts. Dates are posted at the range or call 803-625-3569 for more information.

**Manchester State Forest Shooting Range** - (SC Forestry Commission, Sumter County) \$5.00 per day or \$25.00 per year. Closed the first weekend of each month. Hearing protection required. For more information, call 803-494-8196.

**Hours:** Open Saturday 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM and Sunday 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM.  
**SCDNR Belfast WMA Shooting Range** - (Laurens Co.) 6655 Highway 560, Kinards, SC 29355

**Hours:** Open Wednesday - Saturday. Daylight hours only, Sunday 2 PM - Dark Closed Monday and Tuesday.

### US Forest Service Shooting Ranges

**Cedar Creek Shooting Range** - (Oconee Co.) Year round. Fully accessible to disabled visitors. Three of five shooting tables are under a shelter. For more information, call 864-638-9568 or fax 864-638-2659.

**Candy Branch Shooting Range** - (Abbeville Co.) Year round, sunrise to sunset. Five firing lines with left or right benches including one accessible to disabled visitors. For more information call 803-637-5396 or fax 803-637-2273.

**Beaverdam Shooting Range** - (Edgefield Co.) Year round, sunrise to sunset. Eight open firing lines with left or right benches. For more information call 803-637-5396 or fax 803-637-2273.

**Fairforest Shooting Range** - (Union Co.), **Leeds Shooting Range** (Chester Co.), **Philson Crossroads Shooting Range** (Laurens Co.), **Indian Creek Shooting Range** (Newberry Co.) Year round, day use. All have six firing lanes, left and right benches are available, including one bench accessible to disabled visitors (except Leeds Shooting Range). For more information call 864-427-9858 or fax 864-427-3529.

**Francis Marion Shooting Ranges** - Year round, daylight hours only. Shooting tables, including one fully-accessible to disabled visitors. For more information call Wambaw District at 843-887-3257 or fax 843-887-3848 or Witherbee District at 843-336-3248 or fax 843-336-4789.



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# Deer & Bear Seasons on Private Lands [www.dnr.sc.gov/wildlife.html](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/wildlife.html)



- Sunday hunting allowed on private lands.
- Archery and crossbows allowed during all seasons.
- Crossbows are considered archery equipment.
- Limit of 2 antlerless deer on posted either-sex days.
- Limits listed include deer taken on private & WMA lands.
- Individual Antlerless Deer Tags are not valid in Game Zone 1. Tags are valid in Game Zones 3-6 beginning Sept. 15 and in Game Zone 2 beginning Oct. 1. Individual tags are not valid on properties enrolled in the Antlerless Deer Quota Program. Tags do not alter the daily or seasonal limit or change the type of weapon that can be used during special weapons seasons.
- In Game Zones 1 and 2 it is unlawful to pursue deer with dogs and it is unlawful to bait for deer (50-11-310). Salt/minerals are not considered bait.

## Game Zone 1 Private Lands

Limit 5 antlered deer for all seasons combined.

Archery & Muzzleloaders: Oct. 1 - Oct. 10, Limit 2 per day, 2 deer total. Archers may take either-sex during all seasons (archery, muzzleloader, and gun). Muzzleloader is buck only.

Archery only: Oct. 17 - 30, Limit: 2 per day, 2 deer total  
 Gun Hunts: Limit: 2 per day, 7 deer total  
 Buck only: Oct. 11 - 16, Oct. 31 - Jan. 1  
 Either-Sex: Nov. 5, 12, 19

### Bear Seasons For Game Zone 1 ONLY

- Tag required to take bear (see Bear on page 28)
- Harvested bear must be reported within 24 hours to Clemson SCDNR at 864-654-1671, ext. 24.

<b>Still Hunt (No Dogs)</b>	Oct. 17-23 No sow with cubs, no bears 100 lbs. or less 1 bear
<b>Party Dog Hunts</b>	Oct. 24-30 5 bears per party • No sow with cubs, no bears 100 lbs. or less • All parties (maximum party size of 25) must register by application due Sept. 1. For application call Clemson Office @ 864-654-1671 ext. 16 or 24 or download @ <a href="http://www.dnr.sc.gov/bearhunting">www.dnr.sc.gov/bearhunting</a> . Groups hunting together are considered 1 party.

## Statewide Youth Day

Private lands: Jan. 7th Limit 2 either-sex No tags required

## Game Zone 2 Private Lands

Limit 5 antlered deer for all seasons combined.

Archery: Sept. 15 - 30, Limit: 2 per day, 3 deer total either-sex. Archers may take either-sex during all seasons (archery, muzzleloader and gun).

Muzzleloaders: Oct. 1 - 10, Limit 2 deer total, buck only  
 Either-Sex: Oct. 1, 8

Gun Hunts: Oct. 11 - Jan. 1, Limit: 2 per day, 10 deer total

Either-Sex: Oct. 15, 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26, Dec. 17, 24, 31, Jan. 1

## Game Zone 3 Private Lands

No limit on antlered bucks.

Limit 2 antlerless deer on either-sex days.

Archery & Gun Hunts: Aug. 15 - Jan. 1, buck only

Either-Sex: Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26, Dec. 17, 24, 31, Jan. 1

## Game Zone 4 Private Lands

No limit on antlered bucks.

Limit 2 antlerless deer on either-sex days.

Archery Only: Sept. 1-14, buck only

Gun Hunts: Sept. 15-Jan. 1, buck only

Either-Sex: Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26, Dec. 17, 24, 31, Jan. 1

## Game Zone 5 Private Lands

No limit on antlered bucks.

Limit 2 antlerless deer on either-sex days.

Archery Only: Aug. 15-31, buck only

Gun Hunts: Sept. 1-Jan. 1, buck only

Either-Sex: Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26, Dec. 17, 24, 31, Jan. 1

## Game Zone 6 Private Lands

No limit on antlered bucks.

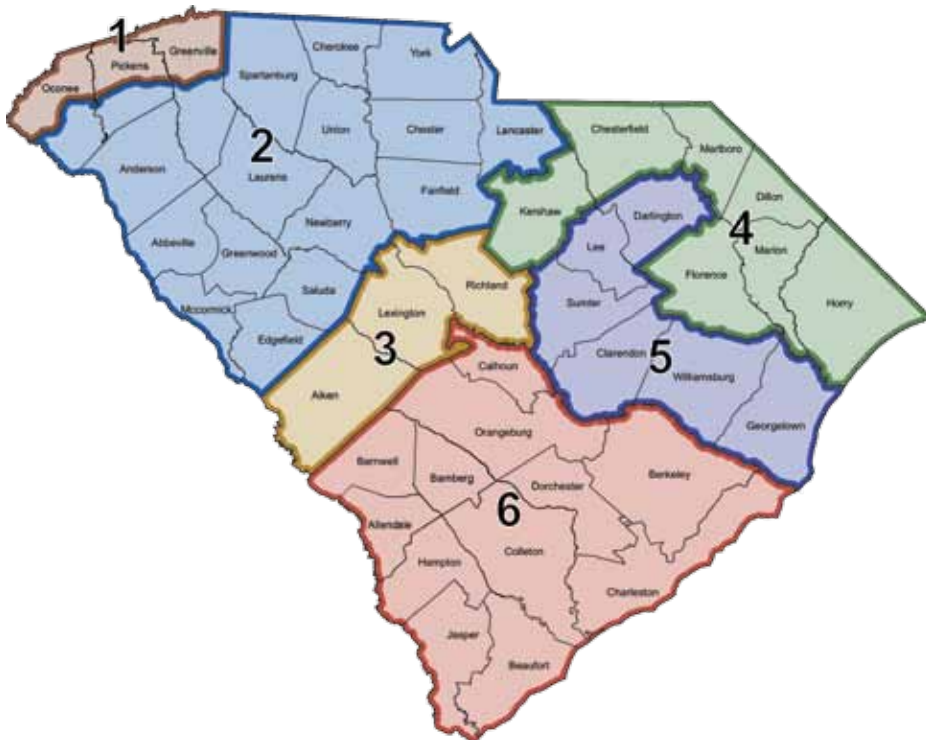
Limit 2 antlerless deer on either-sex days.

Archery & Gun Hunts: Aug. 15 - Jan. 1, buck only

Either-Sex: Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26, Dec. 17, 24, 31, Jan. 1



# Small Game Seasons on Private Lands



## Statewide Youth Day

### Private lands

#### Game Zone limits apply

Raccoon: Sept. 10, 2011

Squirrel: Sept. 24, 2011

Quail: Nov. 19, 2011

Rabbit: Mar. 3, 2012

## All Game Zones

### Statewide Seasons on Private Lands

Mourning Doves	Sept. 3-5 (afternoons only) Sept. 6 - Oct. 8, Nov. 19-26, Dec. 21-Jan. 15	15 per day
Crow	Nov. 1-Mar. 1	No limit
Quail	Mar. 2 -Nov. 20, 2011 (dogs only) Nov. 21 -Mar. 1 (guns & dogs) Mar. 2 -Nov. 18, 2012 (dogs only)	12 per day
Rabbit	Mar. 2-Nov. 23, 2011 (dogs only) Nov. 24-Mar. 1 (guns & dogs) Mar. 2-Nov. 21, 2012 (dogs only)	5 per day
Squirrel	Mar. 2-Sept. 30, 2011 (dogs only) Oct. 1-Mar. 1 (guns & dogs) Mar. 2-Sept. 30, 2012 (dogs only)	10 per day
Fox	Nov. 24-Mar. 1 (guns & dogs) Mar. 2-Nov. 21, 2012 (no guns)	No limit
Beaver	Year-round	No limit
Coyote	Year-round Electronic calls are legal	No limit
Other Furbearers (Bobcat, Otter, Mink, Muskrat, Skunk, Weasel)	Nov. 24-Mar. 1	No limit
Grouse	Nov. 24-Mar. 1 Game Zone 1 only	3 per day

## Game Zone 1 & 2 Private Lands

Raccoon & Opossum: Mar. 2 - Oct. 14, 2011 (dogs only)  
Oct. 15 - Mar. 1, 2012, 3 per party per day  
no limit for opossum  
Mar. 2 - Oct. 14, 2012 (dogs only)

## Game Zone 3 & 6 Private Lands

Raccoon & Opossum: Mar. 16 - Sept. 14, 2011 (dogs only)  
Sept. 15, 2011 - Mar. 15, 2012 (guns & dogs) no limit  
Mar. 16 -Sept. 14, 2012 (dogs only)

## Game Zone 4 & 5 Private Lands

Raccoon & Opossum: Mar. 16 -Sept. 14, 2011 (dogs only)  
Sept. 15, 2011 - Mar. 15, 2012 (guns & dogs)  
3 per party per day  
no limit for opossum  
Mar. 16 -Sept. 14, 2012 (dogs only)

# 2012 Spring Turkey Seasons on Private Lands and WMAs [www.dnr.sc.gov/wildlife/turkey/](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/wildlife/turkey/)

## Game Zone 1 2 3 4 & 5

### Private Lands and WMA Lands Except Named WMAs listed below.

Apr. 1 - May 1 Possession and use of tags required.  
Statewide Youth Hunt Day (tags required) Mar. 31, 2012  
Limit 5 gobblers per season, no more than 2 per day, except 2 total gobblers for Chesterfield, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Horry, Lee, Lexington, Marion, Marlboro, Richland and Sumter counties.

## Game Zone 6 Private Lands

Mar. 15 - May 1 Possession and use of tags required.  
Statewide Youth Hunt Day (tags required) Mar. 31, 2012  
Limit 5 gobblers statewide, no more than 2 per day.

### Wildlife Management Areas Open to Turkey Hunting Apr. 1 - May 1 (Named WMAs)

AREAS OPEN	LIMIT	AREAS OPEN	LIMIT
<sup>1</sup> Keowee WMA	2	<sup>3</sup> Little Pee Dee River Complex (Fri & Sat Only)	1
Fants Grove WMA	2	Victoria Bluff WMA (Fri & Sat Only)	1
Francis Marion Hunt Unit (WMA Only)	2	<sup>2</sup> Crackerneck WMA (Fri & Sat Only)	5
Sand Hills State Forest WMA	2	Worth Mountain WMA (Wed. & Sat Only)	2
<sup>4</sup> Webb-Palachucola-Hamilton Ridge	2	Draper WMA (Wed. & Sat Only)	2
Manchester State Forest WMA (Wed thru Sat Only)	2	Wee Tee State Forest (Wed. & Sat Only)	2
Moultrie Hunt Unit (Wed & Sat Only) Greenfield, Hall, North Dike, Porcher	2	Woodbury WMA (Wed thru Sat Only)	2
Bluefield WMA (Adult/youth Only, Wed & Sat Only)	2	Aiken Gopher Tortoise HP WMA	2
Santee Dam WMA	2	Longleaf Pine HP WMA (Wed. & Sat. Only)	2
Edisto River WMA (Wed. Only)	2	• Game Zones 1 & 2 "unnamed" WMA's including US Forest Service Land.	5
<sup>4</sup> Oak Lea WMA (Wed Only)	2	• Game Zones 3-5 "unnamed" WMA's - county limits apply (see Private Lands section)	
Marsh WMA (Wed & Sat Only)	2	<b>Statewide Youth Hunt Day (Tags required) Mar. 31, 2012. For all areas listed above except Keowee WMA.</b>	
McBee WMA (Wed & Sat Only)	2		
Hickory Top WMA	2		
<sup>5</sup> Pee Dee Station Site WMA (Wed & Sat Only)	1		
<sup>5</sup> Great Pee Dee River WMA (Wed & Sat Only)	1		
Tillman Sand Ridge WMA (Fri & Sat Only)	2		
Lewis Ocean Bay HP (Fri & Sat Only)	1		
Waccamaw River HP (Fri & Sat Only)	1		
Cartwheel Bay HP (Fri & Sat Only)	1		

### General turkey hunting laws and regulations for hunting on private & WMA lands

- Sunday hunting allowed on private lands (SC 50-11-555). No Sunday hunting allowed on WMA land (Reg. 123-51).
- Statewide limit of 5 gobblers, no more than 2 per day (Reg. 123-51).
- All hunters, including hunters younger than 16 or those who are calling, guiding, must possess a valid set of turkey tags. All harvested turkeys must be tagged before being moved from the point of kill. No person may possess more than one set of turkey tags (SC 50-11-544).
- Legal weapons - shotguns, muzzleloading shotguns, bows and crossbows. All other weapons or methods are prohibited including rifles, pistols, buckshot (SC 50-11-500, Reg. 123-51).
- Turkeys may not be hunted with dogs, live decoys or electronic calls (SC 50-11-40, Reg. 123-51).
- Unlawful to shoot any turkey between 30 minutes after official sunset and 30 minutes before official sunrise. Unlawful to take or attempt to take a wild turkey from a vehicle on a public road. Unlawful to trap or snare wild turkey. Unlawful to take wild turkey from a watercraft (SC 50-11-500).
- Unlawful to hunt or take a wild turkey by means of bait or on or over any baited area (SC 50-11-510). Bait means placing, depositing, exposing, distributing, or scattering of salt, corn, wheat, or other grain, or foodstuffs to constitute a lure or attraction for wild turkeys. An area remains a baited area for ten days following the complete removal of all bait. NOTE: The following activities can result in a baited area if done prior to or during turkey season: planting, discing or manipulating chufa to expose the tubers; mowing or manipulating standing grain crops where grain is scattered or exposed; top sowing of any grains; bait or feed intended for other species.

### SAVANNAH RIVER SITE DRAW HUNTS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Savannah River Site will hold a draw hunt for persons with disabilities in Apr. For hunt applications, contact Illana Burkhart, NWTF, 800-843-6983 ext 7421.

### WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA PUBLIC HUNT DRAWINGS

Donnelley WMA, Santee Cooper WMA, Bonneau Ferry WMA (Adult/Youth) & Belfast WMA (Adult Hunts and Adult/Youth hunts). Turkey hunts available by public hunt drawing ONLY. To receive an application, please write: SCDNR Turkey Hunts, PO Box 167, Columbia, SC 29202 or call 803-734-3886. Deadline for applications is Feb. 29.

### US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

The turkey season for all US Army Corps of Engineers lands, in Game Zones 1 and 2, is the same as the WMA turkey season unless otherwise posted.

### CAROLINA SANDHILLS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Turkey hunts available by public hunt drawing only. Contact: Carolina Sandhills NWR, 23734 Highway 1, McBee, SC 29101 or call 843-335-6026

<sup>1</sup> Keowee WMA - Shotguns only -- north of Highway 123 and west of the Keowee Arm of Lake Hartwell to Highway 291 and west of Highway 291. Archery Only on other sections.

<sup>2</sup> Crackerneck WMA - Main gate opens at 4:30 AM and closed at 1:00 pm. All hunters must check in and out at main gate.

<sup>3</sup> Little Pee Dee River Complex includes Tilghman, Dargan (including upper Gunters Is. and Huggins tracts), Little Pee Dee River and Ward Heritage Preserves in portions of Horry and Marion counties.

<sup>4</sup> On Webb, Palachucola, Hamilton Ridge and Oak Lea WMA's, all turkey hunters must pick up and return data cards daily to kiosk and display hang tags on vehicles. Harvested turkeys must be checked in at the self-check kiosk located adjacent to the check stations at the respective properties.

<sup>5</sup> On Pee Dee Station site WMA, Great Pee Dee River WMA, Woodbury WMA and Marsh WMA all hunters must sign in and sign out.

### How to get Turkey Tags

Request tags each year when you get your new hunting license. Tags will be mailed to you in late February. If "Turkey Tags" appears on your hunting license, you should receive tags by mail. If you do not get the tags by mail, they will be available at SCDNR offices and some local vendors beginning the first week in March. A list of vendors can be found at <http://www.dnr.sc.gov/regs/turkeyregs>. You can also order tags on line at <http://www.dnr.sc.gov/turkeytags/>. **Turkey Tags must be in possession while hunting for wild turkey.**

# The Heritage Trust Program: Heritage Preserves

<https://www.dnr.sc.gov/mlands/heritage>

## The Heritage Trust Program

The Heritage Trust Program, part of the Habitat Protection Section, created in 1976 as the first such program in the nation, has acquired 70 heritage preserves encompassing 82,725 acres statewide. Heritage preserves are managed by the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries division and protect significant natural and cultural resources. Public recreation is allowed on most heritage preserves.

Twenty-four preserves (56,976 acres: 69% of the total acreage in the Heritage Trust Program) are also Wildlife Management Areas; these are open to public hunting in accordance with certain guidelines. Hunting is not allowed on some heritage preserves because of their small size, public safety factors or other legal, security, or biological factors.

Many roads are gated because heritage preserves contain unique, sensitive and rare elements vulnerable to vehicular and inordinate foot traffic. Bag limits and season lengths on heritage preserves are set with the aim of restoring or maintaining ecological integrity. Hunting, besides being an important recreational activity, is an important management tool on and near certain heritage preserves. The Heritage Trust

Program has followed the lead of several other WMAs and prohibits fox squirrel hunting.

Cultural resources are strictly protected on heritage preserves. All projectile points (arrowheads) are protected. It is illegal to take or otherwise disturb any cultural resource or to possess a metal detector on any heritage preserve.

All snakes (including venomous snakes) and other reptiles and amphibians, as well as any non-game plant or animal, are protected on all heritage preserves. It is illegal to harm or harass any of these animals or disturb plants.

## SCDNR Heritage Preserve Regulations

Visitation and use of heritage preserves are governed by regulations to promote public enjoyment of the land while preserving the features that make them special.

Complete regulations for heritage preserves may be found in SC Code of Regulations 123-200 through 204 or go to <https://www.dnr.sc.gov/mlands/heritage>, select any heritage preserve, then select "regulations."

## Heritage Preserve WMAs Contacts

### Game Zone 1

864-654-1671, Ex. 24

Brasstown Creek (Oconee Co.), Buzzard Roost (Oconee Co.), Watson-Cooper (Greenville Co.), Chestnut Ridge (Greenville Co.), Ashmore (Greenville Co.), Eastatoe Creek (Pickens Co.), Laurel Fork (Pickens Co.), Wadakoe Mountain (Pickens County), Chandler (Greenville Co.) Stumphouse Mountain (Oconee Co.)

### Game Zone 2

803-419-9374 Rock Hill Blackjacks (York Co.),

Forty Acre Rock (Lancaster Co.)

864-654-1671, Ex. 24 Stevens Creek (McCormick and Edgefield cos.)

### Game Zone 3

803-734-3886

Aiken Gopher Tortoise (Aiken Co.)

Ditch Pond (Aiken/Barnwell Co.)

Henderson (Aiken Co.)

### Game Zone 4

843-546-3226

Lewis Ocean Bay (Horry Co.), Cartwheel Bay (Horry Co.), Waccamaw River (Horry Co.), Little Pee Dee River Complex (Horry and Marion cos.)

### Game Zone 5

803-419-9374

Lynchburg Savanna (Lee Co.), Longleaf Pine (Lee Co.),

Great Pee Dee River (Darlington Co.)

### Game Zone 6

843-546-3226 Tillman Sand Ridge (Jasper Co.),

Victoria Bluff (Beaufort Co.)

843-844-8957 Botany Bay (Charleston Co.),

Dungannon (Charleston Co.)

843-844-8822 St. Helena Sound (Colleton Co.)

## Thanks to Landowners

Landowners providing their land for public hunting and recreation are due much appreciation from the SCDNR and all outdoor enthusiasts. Without these lands, public hunting as provided in this state would be impossible. Sportsmen seeing the yellow and black diamond-shaped signs designating WMA boundaries should remember they are hunting as guests of the landowner and be respectful of this privilege.

U. S. Forest Service.....	629,906	TIAA Timberlands II (Hancock Forest Mgt.) .....	4,708	Duke Power (Rows).....	1,200
SC Department of Natural Resources	230,709	American Timberland II (RMK) .....	3,203	TNC - Ninetimes.....	560
SC Forestry Commission.....	90,301	Georgia Power Company .....	2,814	Elizabeth and Thaddeus Thomas .....	594
Crescent Resources .....	910	Wachovia Bank (Brown Trust).....	3,252	Lavinia B. George .....	569
SC Public Service Authority (Santee)...	23,674	SC Dept. of Commerce .....	1,675	City of Walhalla .....	439
Clemson University.....	11,265	SC Public Ser. Auth. (Pee Dee) .....	2,754	City of Clinton .....	276
Department of Energy .....	10,470	Corps of Engineers (Santee).....	2,465	Brown Family Partnership & Jack L. Brown	120
American Forest Management .....	16,195	Knightwood (Hancock Forest Mgt.) .....	1,468	Commission of Public Works (Greer) .....	100
SCPRT .....	7,571	Springland, Inc.....	1,856	Mary L. Phillips .....	117
Corps of Engineers (Thurmond Res.) ....	6,506	Carolina Power & Light .....	1,036	William & Joab Lesesne .....	92
S.C. Electric & Gas Company .....	5,203	SC Conf. Bd. of Camps & Retreats.....	1,249	Elizabeth Neville .....	655
Timber-Lands L.P.....	1,903	Duke Energy Carolinas.....	7,353	John and Irene Blackmon.....	1,250
Plum Creek.....	4,887	York County .....	1,643	TOTAL .....	1,086,407
Teredo Timber.....	2,976	Jordan Properties .....	2,483		



# Wildlife Management Areas [www.dnr.sc.gov/wma/](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/wma/)

## WMA Program

Through the cooperative effort of private landowners, the U. S. Forest Service and the SCDNR, Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) are provided for the enjoyment of all wildlife enthusiasts. Funds generated from the sale of WMA permits enable SCDNR to lease approximately 1.1 million acres of land for wildlife conservation and management.

Heritage Preserves are properties acquired by SCDNR for the primary purpose of protecting habitat for rare and endangered species. Some heritage preserves

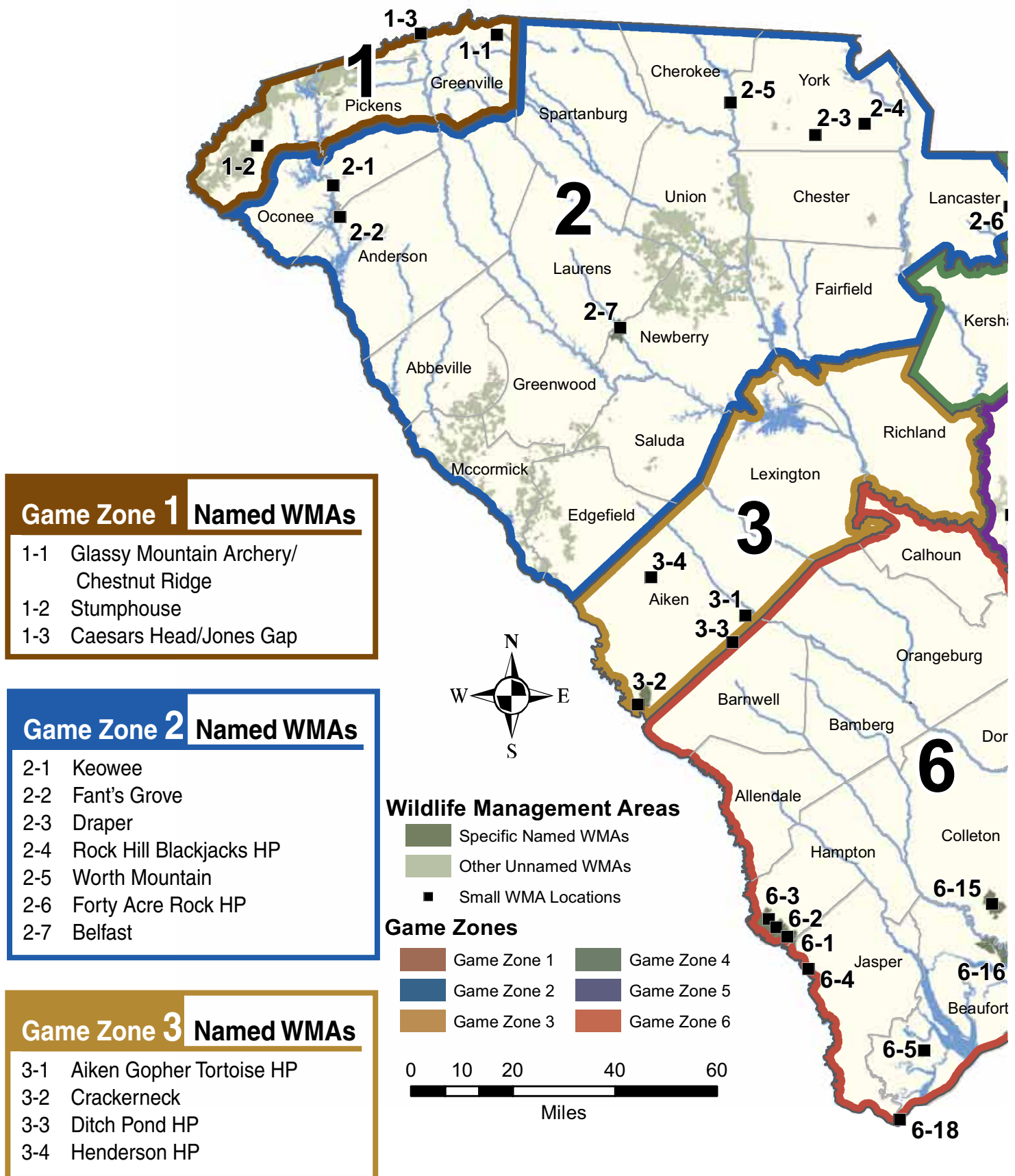
offer game hunting opportunities and are included in the WMA Program. All persons using WMA lands are reminded that only U.S. Forest Service lands and those areas marked by WMA signs are open to the public. Lands not posted with these signs are the property of private individuals, and landowner permission must be obtained.

General locations of the areas described below are shown on the map on pages 42-43. For detailed maps showing these and other WMA lands, write WMA MAPS, SCDNR, P.O. Box 167, Columbia, SC, 29202, call 803-734-3886 or visit [www.dnr.sc.gov/wma/maps.html](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/wma/maps.html). Reference map # from chart below.

Wildlife Management Area Properties				Hunting Opportunities Available											
Wildlife Management Area	Acreage	Map #	County	Telephone	Deer	Hogs	Bear	Turkey	Dove	Waterfowl	Quail	Squirrel	Rabbit	Raccoon	Fox
Aiken Gopher Tortoise Heritage Preserve*	1,622	3	Aiken	803-734-3886	x			x			x	x	x	x	
Bear Island*	12,153	10	Colleton	843-844-8957	x	x			x	x	x	x	x	x	
Belfast*	4,664	4	Laurens, Newberry	803-734-3886	x			x				x	x	x	
Bonneau Ferry*	10,712	9	Berkeley	843-825-3387	x	x		x		x	x	x	x	x	
Botany Bay Plantation	4,687	10	Charleston	843-844-8957	x				x		x	x	x	x	
Canal	2,491	9	Berkeley	843-825-3387					x		x				
Cartwheel Bay Heritage Preserve*	568	8	Horry	843-546-3226	x	x		x			x		x	x	
Central Piedmont Hunt Unit	183,706	4,5,6	Cherokee, Chester, Fairfield, Lancaster, Laurens, Newberry, Spartanburg, Union, York	803-734-3886	x			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Crackerneck	10,470	3	Aiken	803-725-3663	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Ditch Pond Heritage Preserve*	233	3	Aiken, Barnwell	803-734-3886	x					x		x	x		
Donnelley*	8,060	10	Colleton	843-844-8957	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Draper*, McConells*, Ross*	1,360	5	York	864-427-5140	x			x	x		x	x	x	x	x
Dungannon Heritage Preserve*	643	9,10	Charleston	843-844-8957	x	x				x					
Edisto River*	1,394	10	Dorchester	843-844-8957	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Fants Grove	7,444	1,2	Anderson, Oconee, Pickens	864-654-1671	x			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Francis Marion National Forest	258,816	9,10	Berkeley, Charleston	843-825-3387	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Great Pee Dee Heritage Preserve*	2,725	6,7	Darlington	843-661-4766	x	x		x		x		x		x	
Hamilton Ridge*	13,281	10	Hampton	803-625-3569	x	x		x		x	x	x	x	x	x
Hatchery	2,400	9	Berkeley	843-825-3387	x					x					
Henderson Heritage Preserve*	417	3	Aiken	803-734-3886	x										
Hickory Top	1,105	7	Clarendon	803-734-3886	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Keowee	4,930	1,2	Pickens, Oconee	864-654-1671	x			x	x		x	x	x	x	x
Lewis Ocean Bay Heritage Preserve*	9,343	8	Horry	843-546-3226	x			x			x	x	x	x	x
Little Pee Dee Heritage Preserve* Complex	10,238	8	Horry, Marion	843-546-3226	x	x		x		x	x	x	x	x	x
Longleaf Pine Heritage Preserve*	843	7	Lee	803-419-9374	x			x			x	x	x		
Lynchburg Savanna Heritage Preserve*	291	7	Lee	803-419-9374							x		x		
Manchester State Forest	23,135	7	Sumter	803-494-8196	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Marsh*	8,560	8	Marion	843-661-4766	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
McBee*, Angelus*, Crossroads*	1,199	6	Chesterfield	843-661-4766	x			x	x		x	x	x	x	x
Moultrie	9,951	9	Berkeley	843-825-3387	x			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Mountain Hunt Unit	152,575	1	Greenville, Oconee, Pickens	864-654-1671	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Oak Lea	2,000	7	Clarendon	803-734-3886	x			x	x	x		x	x	x	x
Old Island Heritage Preserve*	400	10	Beaufort	803-625-3569	x										
Palachucola*	6,757	10	Hampton, Jasper	803-625-3569	x	x		x	x		x	x	x	x	x
Parr Hydroelectric Project	4,400	4,5	Fairfield, Newberry	803-609-6992	x					x			x	x	
Pee Dee Station Site	2,701	8	Florence	843-661-4766	x	x		x			x	x	x	x	x
Rock Hill Blackjacks Heritage Preserve*	291	5	York	864-419-9374	x										
Samworth*	1,588	9	Georgetown	843-546-8665	x	x				x					
Sand Hills State Forest	46,000	5,6,7	Chesterfield, Darlington	843-661-4766	x			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Santee Coastal*	24,000	9,10	Charleston, Georgetown	843-546-8665	x	x				x	x	x	x	x	
Santee Cooper	3,144	7	Orangeburg	803-734-3886	x			x	x		x	x	x	x	x
Santee Dam	575	7	Clarendon	803-734-3886	x	x		x	x		x	x	x	x	x
Santee-Delta*	1,722	9	Georgetown	843-546-8665	x	x				x					
St. Helena Sound Heritage Preserve*	10,302	10	Beaufort	843-844-8822	x					x				x	
Tillman Sand Ridge Heritage Preserve*	1,422	10	Jasper	803-625-3569	x	x		x		x	x	x	x	x	x
Turtle Island*	1,700	10	Jasper	803-625-3569						x					
Victoria Bluff Heritage Preserve*	1,113	10	Beaufort	803-625-3569	x			x				x	x	x	x
Waccamaw River Heritage Preserve*	5,387	8	Horry	843-546-3226	x	x		x	x	x		x		x	
Webb*	5,860	10	Hampton	803-625-3569	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Wee Tee	12,439	9,10	Williamsburg, Georgetown	843-661-4766	x	x		x		x		x	x	x	x
Western Piedmont Hunt Unit	146,561	2,3,4	Abbeville, Edgefield, Greenwood, McCormick, Saluda	864-223-2731	x			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Woodbury	25,668	8	Marion	843-661-4766	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Worth Mountain	1,643	5	York	864-427-5140	x			x	x		x	x	x	x	x

# Named Wildlife Management Areas

<https://www.dnr.sc.gov/mlands/wma>

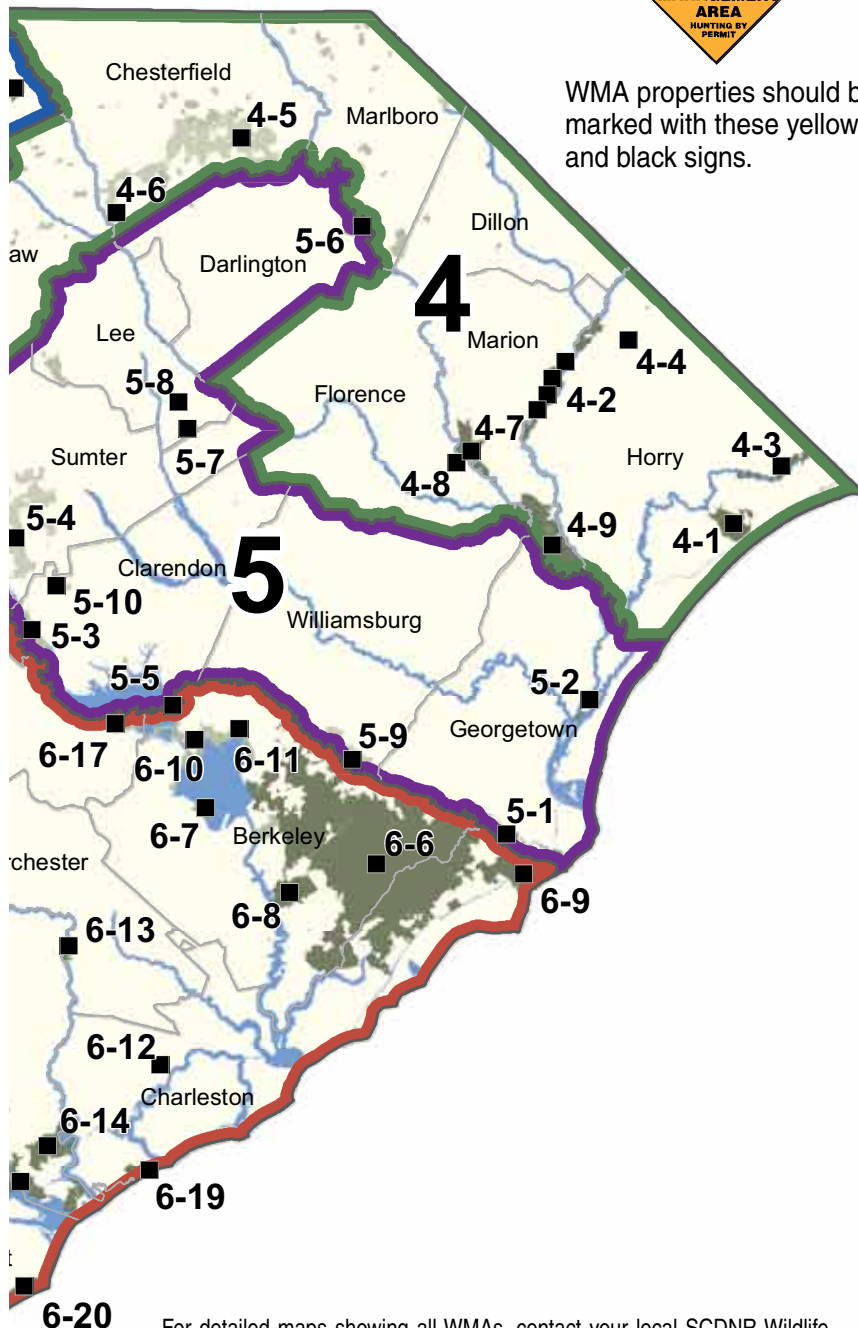


Two types of property are included in the Wildlife Management Area Program: "specific" named WMA's and "other" unnamed WMAs. Other WMA lands occur as scattered tracts, often leased from private landowners and the forest industry. The hunting seasons for these unnamed properties are set by Game Zone with all the "other" WMA tracts within a particular Game Zone having the same seasons. These "other" WMA lands are shown as unlabeled green tracts on the WMA maps.

"Specific" WMAs are generally larger tracts of land, many owned and managed by SCDNR and have special seasons. These "named" WMAs are shown as labeled dark green tracts on the WMA maps. The hunting seasons for named WMAs are listed within each Game Zone.



WMA properties should be marked with these yellow and black signs.



For detailed maps showing all WMAs, contact your local SCDNR Wildlife Management Office (see page 66) or write: WMA Maps, P.O. Box 167, Columbia, SC 29202, 803-734-3886. Request by map number found on page 39.

**New:** To view and print WMA maps from the internet, go to [www.dnr.sc.gov/wma/maps.html](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/wma/maps.html)

## Game Zone 4 Named WMAs

- 4-1 Lewis Ocean Bay HP
- 4-2 Little Pee Dee HP
- 4-3 Waccamaw River HP
- 4-4 Cartwheel Bay HP
- 4-5 Sandhills State Forest
- 4-6 McBee
- 4-7 Marsh
- 4-8 Pee Dee Station Site
- 4-9 Woodbury

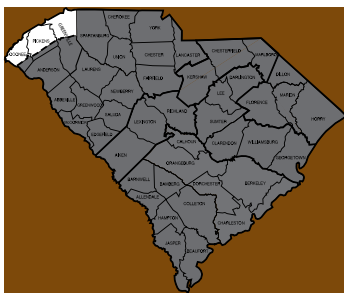
## Game Zone 5 Named WMAs

- 5-1 Santee-Delta
- 5-2 Samworth
- 5-3 Hickory Top
- 5-4 Manchester State Forest
- 5-5 Santee Dam
- 5-6 Great Pee Dee HP
- 5-7 Longleaf Pine HP
- 5-8 Lynchburg Savanna HP
- 5-9 Wee Tee
- 5-10 Oak Lea

## Game Zone 6 Named WMAs

- 6-1 Palachucola
- 6-2 Webb
- 6-3 Hamilton Ridge
- 6-4 Tillman Sand Ridge HP
- 6-5 Victoria Bluff HP
- 6-6 Francis Marion NF
- 6-7 Hatchery
- 6-8 Bonneau Ferry
- 6-9 Santee Coastal Reserve
- 6-10 Moultrie
- 6-11 Canal
- 6-12 Dungannon HP
- 6-13 Edisto
- 6-14 Bear Island
- 6-15 Donnelley
- 6-16 St. Helena Sound HP
- 6-17 Santee Cooper
- 6-18 Turtle Island
- 6-19 Botany Bay Plantation HP
- 6-20 Old Island HP





## Game Zone 1

Mountain Hunt Unit: Oconee, Pickens & Greenville Counties

Game Zone 1 consists of all properties north of the main line of the Norfolk Southern Railroad from the Georgia State line to South Carolina Highway 183 in Westminster, then north of SC Highway 183 to intersection of SC Highway 183 and the Norfolk So. Railroad main line in Greenville and then north of the main line of the Norfolk So. Railroad to the Spartanburg County line.

This section WMA only. For private land laws, regulations and seasons, see pages 28-30, 35-37.

<b>SCDNR Offices</b>	Wildlife Office: 311 Natural Resources Drive, Clemson, SC 29631, 864-654-1671	Law Enforcement Office: 311 Natural Resources Drive, Clemson, SC 29631, 864-654-8266
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Area/Methods	Seasons/Limits
<b>Deer - Other WMAs (including US Forest Service Lands in WMA)</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sunday hunting for deer is prohibited on WMAs.</li> <li>• Individual antlerless deer tags are not valid on WMA land in Game Zone 1.</li> <li>• Limits listed are a combined total per person for both private &amp; WMA lands.</li> <li>• No more than 5 bucks total may be taken during all seasons combined, regardless of method (archery, muzzleloader, or gun).</li> <li>• Feral hogs and coyotes may be taken during all hunts. No hog hunting with dogs except during special hog hunts with dogs and party dog bear hunts.</li> <li>• Archery allowed during all hunt periods (archery, muzzleloader or gun hunts).</li> <li>• Crossbows are considered archery equipment.</li> <li>• Archery hunters are allowed to take either-sex during all deer seasons. All limits apply.</li> <li>• The deer seasons for all US Army Corps of Engineers lands in Game Zone 1 are the same as the WMA deer seasons unless otherwise posted.</li> </ul>	
<b>Youth Deer Hunt Day</b>	Jan. 7 2 deer/either-sex, no tags required (see page 56 for WMAs)
<b>Archery &amp; Muzzleloader WMA</b>	Oct. 1-10 2 per day, 2 deer total • Archery either-sex • Muzzleloader buck only
<b>Archery only WMA</b>	Oct 17-29 either-sex 2 per day, 2 deer total • <b>No muzzleloader hunting</b>
<b>Gun Hunts on WMA Lands</b>	Oct. 11-15, Oct. 31-Dec. 31 <u>buck only</u> 2 per day, 7 deer total Nov. 5, 12, 19 either-sex • <b>No deer hunting on Long Creek Tracts (Oconee Co.) on or after Thanksgiving Day.</b> • <b>Archery and muzzleloaders allowed during Gun Hunts.</b>
<b>Bear</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tag required to take bear (see Bear on page 28).</li> <li>• No Sunday hunting for bear on WMA.</li> <li>• Harvested bear must be reported within 24 hours to Clemson SCDNR at 864-654-1671, ext. 24.</li> <li>• Feral hogs and coyotes may be taken during all hunts. No hog hunting with dogs except during special hog hunts with dogs and party dog bear hunts.</li> </ul>	
<b>Still Hunt (No Dogs)</b>	Oct. 17-22 1 bear No sow with cubs, no bears 100 lbs or less
<b>Party Dog Hunts</b>	Oct. 24-29 5 bears per party • No sow with cubs, no bears 100 lbs or less • Hogs allowed. • All parties (maximum party size of 25) must register by application due Sept. 1. For application call Clemson Office @ 864-654-1671 ext. 16 or 24 or download @ <a href="http://www.dnr.sc.gov/bearhunting">www.dnr.sc.gov/bearhunting</a> . Groups hunting together are considered 1 party.
<b>Special Hog Hunt with Dogs</b>	Jan. 2-Mar. 1 No limit • Handguns only • Daylight hours only • No more than 4 dogs per party
<b>Small Game - Other WMAs</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hogs &amp; coyotes may be taken during small game hunts with small game firearms only. No hog hunting with dogs except during special hog seasons.</li> <li>• No small game hunting on WMAs is allowed before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1. Additional small game season restrictions may apply to specific WMAs.</li> </ul>	
<b>Mourning Dove</b>	Sept. 3-5 (afternoons only) 15 per day Sept. 6-Oct. 8, Nov. 19-26, Dec. 21-Jan. 15
<b>Quail</b>	Sept. 1-Sept. 30 training season-dogs, no guns. Nov. 21, 2011 -Mar. 1, 2012 guns and dogs 12 per day

Area/Methods	Seasons/Limits
<b>Squirrel</b>	Sept. 1-Sept. 30 running season-dogs, no guns Oct. 1, 2011 -Mar. 1, 2012 guns & dogs 10 per day
<b>Rabbit</b>	Sept. 1-Sept. 30 running season-dogs, no guns Nov. 24, 2011-Mar. 1, 2012 guns & dogs 5 per day No rabbit hunting with dogs is allowed during still gun hunts for deer or bear on WMAs.
<b>Grouse</b>	Nov. 24 - Mar. 1 3 per day
<b>Raccoon &amp; Opossum (Dogs at night only)</b>	Sept. 1-Oct. 14 running season-dogs, no guns Oct. 15-Mar. 1 guns & dogs 3 per party per night Opossum no limit.
<b>Fox (Dogs at night only)</b>	Sept. 1-Nov. 23 running season-dogs, no guns Nov. 24-Mar. 1 guns & dogs No limit
<b>Bobcat, Mink, Muskrat, Skunk, Otter &amp; Weasel</b>	Nov. 24-Mar. 1 No limit
<b>Beaver</b>	Sept. 1-Mar. 1 No limit
<b>Crow</b>	Nov. 1-Mar. 1 No limit

### Named WMAs

#### Glassy Mountain Archery Only Area- Chestnut Ridge Heritage Preserve (Greenville Co)

Located on the southwest side of the South Pacolet River and west of the junction of the South Pacolet River and its main tributary creek as posted.

<b>Deer (No Dogs)</b>	Oct. 1-Oct. 15 Archery either-sex total 2 deer Oct. 31-Dec. 31 Archery either-sex
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#### Stumphouse WMA (Youth Area) Oconee County

Game Zone 1 seasons, limits, rules and regulations apply except small game hunting only from Thanksgiving Day through Mar. 1. In order to fish or hunt Stumphouse WMA each adult (21 or older) must have at least one youth 17 or under accompanying them. Senior citizens over 65 years of age are exempted from accompanying a youth in order to fish. No motorized vehicles or horses allowed on property. Walk-in use only.

#### Caesars Head/Jones Gap WMA Greenville County

SC Dept. of Parks, Recreation and Tourism special permit required. See Game Zone 1 WMA map for more details.

#### Long Creek Tract (Forest Service) Oconee County

Game Zone 1 seasons, except small game only between Thanksgiving Day and Mar. 1.

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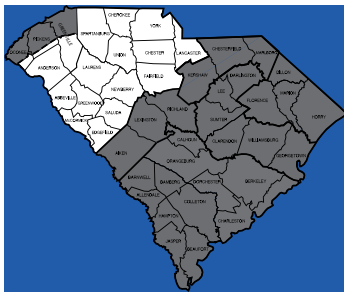
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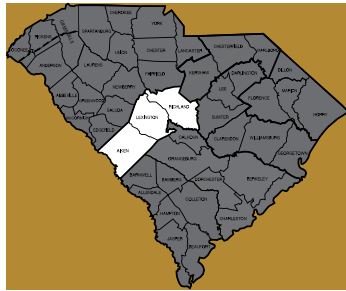


Game Zone 2		
Abbeville, Anderson, Chester, Cherokee, Edgefield, Fairfield, Greenwood, Lancaster, Laurens, McCormick, Newberry, Saluda, Spartanburg, Union, York Counties & those portions of the Counties of Greenville, Oconee & Pickens south of the Game Zone 1 line.		
This section WMA Only. For private land laws, regulations and seasons, see pages 28-30, 35-37.		
<b>SCDNR Offices</b>	Wildlife Offices: 311 Natural Resources Drive, Clemson, SC 29631, 864-654-1671; 2751 Highway. 72 E., Abbeville, SC 864-223-2731	Law Enforcement Office: 311 Natural Resources Drive, Clemson, SC 29631, 864-654-8266

Area/Methods	Seasons/Limits
<b>Other WMAs (including US Forest Service Lands in WMA)</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sunday hunting for deer is prohibited on all WMAs.</li> <li>Individual antlerless deer tags are valid on WMA land starting Oct. 1. Use of tags does not change the type of weapon allowed during specific seasons.</li> <li>Limits listed are a combined total per person for both private &amp; WMA lands.</li> <li>No more than 5 bucks total may be taken during all seasons combined, regardless of method (archery, muzzleloader, or gun).</li> <li>During gun hunts on WMA lands, there shall be no hunting or shooting deer from, on, or across any road open to vehicle traffic.</li> <li>Feral hogs and coyotes may be taken during all hunts. No hog hunting with dogs except during special hog hunts with dogs.</li> <li>Archery allowed during all hunt periods (archery, muzzleloader or gun hunts).</li> <li>Archery hunters are allowed to take either-sex during all deer seasons. Daily and seasonal bag limits apply.</li> <li>The deer seasons for all US Army Corps of Engineers lands in Game Zone 2 are the same as the WMA deer seasons unless otherwise posted.</li> </ul>	
<b>Youth Deer Hunt Day</b>	Jan. 7 2 deer/either-sex, no tags required (see page 56 for WMAs)
<b>Archery only on WMAs</b>	Sept. 15-30 2 per day, 3 deer total Nov. 28-Dec. 10 either-sex
<b>Archery &amp; Muzzleloader on WMAs</b>	Oct. 1-10 muzzle loader <u>buck only</u> 2 deer total archery <u>either sex</u> Oct. 1, 8 either-sex, muzzleloader <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No muzzleloader hunting on WMAs Nov. 28-Dec. 10</li> <li>Muzzleloaders allowed during Gun Hunts (Dec. 12-31)</li> </ul>
<b>Gun Hunts on WMAs</b>	Oct. 11-Nov. 26, Dec. 12-Dec. 31 <u>buck only</u> Oct. 15, 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26 Dec. 17, 24, 31 either-sex 2 per day, 10 deer total <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No gun hunting for deer on WMAs Nov. 28-Dec. 10.</li> </ul>
<b>Special Hog hunt with Dogs</b>	Feb. 1-Feb. 15 No limit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Handguns only • Daylight hours only</li> <li>No more than 4 dogs per party</li> </ul>
<b>Small Game - Other WMAs</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hogs &amp; coyotes may be taken during small game hunts with small game firearms only on WMAs.</li> <li>Small game seasons on WMAs are listed below. No small game hunting on WMAs is allowed before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1. Additional small game season restrictions may apply to specific WMAs.</li> <li>No hog hunting with dogs except during special hog seasons.</li> </ul>	
<b>Mourning Dove</b>	Sept. 3-5 (afternoons only) 15 per day Sept. 6-Oct. 8, Nov. 19-26, Dec. 21-Jan. 15
<b>Quail</b>	Sept. 1-Sept. 30 training season- dogs, no guns Nov. 21, 2011-Mar. 1, 2012 guns & dogs 12 per day
<b>Squirrel</b>	Sept. 1-Sept. 30 running season-dogs, no guns Oct. 1, 2011 - Mar. 1, 2012 guns & dogs 10 per day
<b>Rabbit</b>	Sept. 1-Sept. 30 running season-dogs, no guns Nov. 24, 2011 - Mar. 1, 2012 guns & dogs 5 per day No rabbit hunting with dogs is allowed during still gun hunts for deer or bear on WMAs.
<b>Raccoon &amp; Opossum (Dogs at night only)</b>	Sept. 1-Oct. 14 running season-dogs, no guns Oct. 15-Mar. 1 Guns & dogs 3 per party per night Opossum no limit.
<b>Fox (Dogs at night only)</b>	Sept. 1-Nov. 23 running season-dogs, no guns Nov. 24,-Mar. 1 Guns & dogs No limit

Area/Methods	Seasons/Limits
<b>Bobcat, Mink, Muskrat, Skunk, Otter &amp; Weasel</b>	
	Nov. 24-Mar. 1 No limit
<b>Beaver</b>	Sept. 1-Mar. 1 No limit
<b>Crow</b>	Nov. 1-Mar. 1 No limit
<b>Named WMAs</b>	
<b>Keowee WMA Oconee &amp; Pickens Counties</b>	
<b>Deer Archery</b>	Oct. 15-Dec. 22 <u>either-sex</u> 2 per day, 3 deer total Total may not include more than 1 buck.
<b>Small Game</b>	
Shotguns only north of Highway. 123, west of the Keowee arm of Lake Hartwell to the Old Clemson Seneca Highway. Also west of Highway 291 north and south of the Keowee arm of Lake Hartwell upstream from the Highway. 291 bridge. All other areas archery only.	
<b>Quail</b>	Dec. 24-Feb. 29, Wed. & Sat. only 10 per day
<b>Other Small Game</b>	Regular Zone 2 seasons & limits except no hunting during Archery Deer Hunts Oct. 15-Dec. 22
<b>Fant's Grove WMA Oconee, Pickens &amp; Anderson Counties</b>	
<b>Deer Archery</b>	Oct. 15-Dec. 22 <u>either-sex</u> 1 buck only 2 per day, 3 deer total Bucks must have at least 4 points on 1 side or minimum 12 inch antler spread.
<b>Small Game</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regular Zone 2 seasons and limits except no hunting during Archery Deer Hunts (Oct. 15-Dec. 22) and Special Youth hunts (Oct. 1).</li> <li>Except dove hunting allowed on designated Dove Fields. Waterfowl hunting allowed on Wed. and Sat. AM only during federal waterfowl season.</li> </ul>	
<b>Quail</b>	Dec. 24-Feb. 29, Wed. and Sat. only
<b>Draper WMA York County</b>	
<b>Deer</b>	Game Zone 2 WMA Seasons & Limits
<b>Small Game</b>	
<b>Dove</b>	Special restrictions apply during all seasons and limited participation will apply opening day.
<b>Quail</b>	Dec. 3, 10, 21, 28 Jan. 4, 7, 11, 14 10 per day sunrise until 4:00 pm
<b>Rabbit</b>	Nov. 30, Dec. 7, Jan. 18, 21, 25, 28, Feb. 1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 25, 29 3 per day
<b>Small Game other than Dove, Quail &amp; Rabbit</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regular Zone 2 seasons &amp; limits except no hunting before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1.</li> <li>No Fox Squirrels.</li> </ul>
<b>Broad River Waterfowl Management Area, Fairfield County</b>	
<b>Archery</b>	Sept. 15-Oct. 31 <u>either-sex</u> 2 per day, 3 deer total
<b>Small Game - Raccoon, Squirrel, Rabbit &amp; Quail</b>	
	Feb. 2-Mar. 1 Game Zone 2 limits
<b>Rock Hill Blackjacks HP WMA York County</b>	
<b>Archery</b>	Sept. 15-30, Nov. 28-Dec. 31 <u>either-sex</u> 2 per day, 3 deer total
<b>Small Game</b>	Small game hunting is not allowed.
<b>Worth Mountain WMA York County</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quality Deer Management Area - Antlered Bucks must have 4 points on one side or a minimum 12-inch antler spread.</li> <li>Zone 2 seasons and limits apply.</li> <li>Use of individual deer tags and county wide <u>either-sex</u> days apply.</li> </ul>	
<b>Small Game</b>	Zone 2 seasons and limits.

Area/Methods	Seasons/Limits
<b>Belfast WMA Laurens and Newberry Counties</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All hunters must sign in and sign out upon entering or leaving Belfast WMA.</li> <li>All turkeys must be checked in at the Belfast check station.</li> <li>Belfast WMA is closed to public access of all types one hour after sunset until one hour before sunrise except for hunts regulated by SCDNR.</li> <li>Hunters may not enter the WMA prior to 5:00 AM on designated hunts.</li> <li>Public visitation is not allowed during scheduled deer or turkey hunts.</li> <li>Data cards are required for hunter access. Completed data cards must be returned daily upon leaving Belfast WMA.</li> <li>Hunters are required to have a data card in possession while on the property during scheduled hunts.</li> <li>Bucks must have a minimum 4 points on one side or a minimum 12" antler spread.</li> </ul>	



<b>Game Zone 3</b>	
Aiken, Lexington & Richland counties	
This section WMA Only. For private land laws, regulations and seasons, see pages 28-30, 35-37.	
WMA regulations apply to public lands in Game Zone 3. Some WMAs have special seasons or restrictions, and are listed at the end of the hunt seasons section.	
<b>SCDNR Offices</b>	Wildlife Offices: P.O. Box 23, New Ellenton, SC 803-725-3663; 1000 Assembly St., Columbia, SC 803-734-3886
	Law Enforcement Office: 1000 Assembly St. Columbia, SC 803-734-4303

Area/Methods	Seasons/Limits
<b>Other WMAs</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sunday hunting for deer is prohibited on all WMAs.</li> <li>Individual antlerless deer tags are valid on other "unnamed" WMAs starting Sept. 15. Tags do not alter the daily or season bag limits.</li> </ul>	
<b>Youth Deer Hunt Day</b>	Jan. 7 2 deer/either-sex, no tags required (see page 56 for WMAs)
<b>Archery &amp; Gun Hunts unnamed WMAs</b>	Sept. 1-Dec. 31 buck only Either sex Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26, Dec. 17, 24, 31 No limit on bucks; 2 antlerless deer per day on either-sex days. <b>No hunting on WMAs before Sept. 1.</b>
<b>Small Game - other WMAs</b>	Small Game seasons on WMAs are listed below. No small game hunting on WMAs is allowed before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1. Additional small game season restrictions may apply to specific WMAs.
<b>Mourning Dove</b>	Sept. 3-5 (afternoons only), Sept. 6-Oct. 8, Nov. 19-26, Dec. 21-Jan. 15 15 per day
<b>Quail</b>	Sept. 1-Sept. 30 training season-dogs, no guns Nov. 21, 2011-Mar. 1, 2012 guns & dogs 12 per day
<b>Squirrel</b>	Sept. 1-Sept. 30 running season-dogs, no guns Oct. 1, 2011-Mar. 1, 2012 guns & dogs 10 per day
<b>Rabbit</b>	Sept. 1-Sept. 30 running season-dogs, no guns Nov. 24, 2011-Mar. 1, 2012 guns & dogs 5 per day
<b>Raccoon &amp; Opossum (Dogs at night only)</b>	Sept. 1-Sept. 14 running season-dogs Sept. 15-Mar. 1 guns & dogs No limit
<b>Fox (Dogs at night only)</b>	Sept. 1-Nov. 23 running season-dogs, no guns Nov. 24-Mar. 1 guns & dogs No limit
<b>Bobcat, Mink, Muskrat, Skunk, Otter &amp; Weasel</b>	Nov. 24-Mar. 1 No limit
<b>Beaver</b>	Sept. 1-Mar. 1 WMA land No limit
<b>Crow</b>	Nov. 1-Mar. 1 No limit

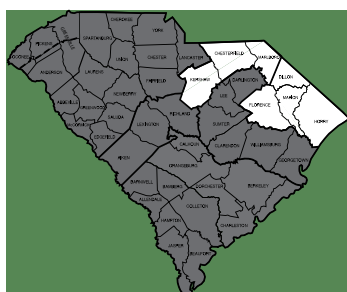
Area/Methods	Seasons/Limits
<b>Belfast WMA Laurens and Newberry Counties (continued)</b>	
<b>Deer Archery</b>	Sept. 19-24 either-sex 2 per day, 3 per hunt period No more than 1 buck (antler restrictions apply)
<b>Deer Archery &amp; Muzzleloader</b>	Oct. 1 either-sex 2 per day No more than 1 buck (antler restrictions apply)
<b>Deer Gun Hunts</b>	Still gun hunts by drawing only. See WMA Public Draw Hunts on page 31.
<b>Small Game</b>	Dec. 10-Mar. 1 except no small game hunting on Jan. 7 Game zone 2 bag limits <b>(No open season for fox squirrels, fox or bobcats)</b>

Area/Methods	Seasons/Limits
<b>Named WMAs</b>	
<b>Aiken Gopher Tortoise Heritage Preserve WMA Aiken County</b>	
<b>Deer Gun Hunts</b>	
Oct. 1-Dec. 31 buck only	
Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26, Dec. 17, 24, 31 either-sex	
1 deer per day, 3 deer total, not to include more than 2 bucks. No limit on hogs.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No buckshot or dogs allowed. • During gun hunts for deer, there shall be no hunting or shooting from, on, or across any road open to vehicle traffic.</li> <li>• Hogs may be taken during deer hunts only. No dogs. No limit.</li> <li>• All reptiles and amphibians are protected.</li> </ul>	
<b>Small Game</b>	Nov. 24-Mar. 1 Regular Zone 3 limits • Fox squirrels may not be hunted or taken. • All reptiles and amphibians are protected.
<b>Raccoon &amp; Opossum</b>	Nov. 24-Mar. 1 3 raccoons per party per night. Opossums no limit.
<b>Crackerneck WMA Aiken County</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quality Deer Management Area - antlered deer must have at least 4 points on one side or a minimum 12-inch antler spread. A point must be at least 1 inch long measured from the nearest edge of main beam to top of the point.</li> </ul>	
<b>Deer Archery</b>	Oct. 7-8 either-sex 2 deer total No more than 1 buck. No limit on hogs
<b>Deer Muzzleloader</b>	Oct. 14-15 either-sex 2 deer total, no more than 1 buck No limit on hogs
<b>Deer Gun Hunts</b>	
Gun hunts on Fridays, Saturdays & Thanksgiving day only during this period.	
Oct. 21-Dec. 31 buck only	
Oct. 21-22, 28-29, Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, Dec. 2-3 either-sex	
2 per day, 5 deer total, not to include more than 3 bucks. No limit on hogs	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All individuals must sign in and out at gate.</li> <li>• No buckshot or dogs allowed.</li> <li>• Scouting days (no firearms or archery equipment) on Saturdays only during Sept. and Mar. Gate opens at 6:00 am and closes at 8:00 pm.</li> <li>• On deer hunt days, gate opens as follows: Oct., 4:30 am-8:30 pm; Nov.-Dec., 4:30 am-7:30 pm. For party dog hunts for hogs in Jan. &amp; Feb., gate will be open from 5:30 am-7:00 pm.</li> <li>• Hog hunters are required to wear a hat, coat or vest of international orange.</li> <li>• Hogs may not be taken from Crackerneck WMA alive and hogs must be shown at check station gate.</li> <li>• No still hog hunting during party hunts with dogs or anytime except during deer hunts. • No more than 4 bay or catch dogs per party.</li> </ul>	



Area/Methods	Seasons/Limits
<b>Crackerneck WMA Aiken County (continued)</b>	
<b>Hog Party Hunts (With Dogs)</b>	Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27 Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24 Handguns only. No limit.
<b>Small Game</b>	Fridays, Saturdays & Thanksgiving day ONLY during regular Game Zone 3 seasons, except no hunting before Oct. 21 or after Feb. 25. Game Zone 3 limits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All individuals must sign in and out at gate.</li> <li>• Bobcats, foxes, otters and fox squirrels may not be hunted.</li> <li>• During hunts, gate hours will be as follows: Oct., 4:30 am-8:30 pm; Nov. - Dec., 4:30 am-7:30 pm; Jan. - Feb. 5:30 am-7:00 pm.</li> </ul>
<b>Raccoon &amp; Opossum</b>	Oct. 15-Dec. 31 Saturday nights only; Jan. 6-Feb. 25 Friday & Sat. nights only Raccoons - 3 per party per night. Opossum no limit. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All individuals must sign in and out at gate.</li> <li>• Hunt hours are as follows: Saturdays -1 hour after official sunset to midnight. Hunters must exit gate by 1:00 am. Fridays -1 hour after official sunset to 1 hour before official sunrise. Hunters must exit gate by official sunrise.</li> </ul>

Area/Methods	Seasons/Limits
<b>Ditch Pond Heritage Preserve WMA Aiken/Barnwell County</b>	
<b>Deer Archery Only</b>	Oct. 1-Dec. 31 buck only Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26, Dec. 17, 24, 31 either-sex (1 deer per day, 3 deer total) not to include more than 2 bucks.)
<b>Small Game</b>	Nov. 24-Mar. 1 Regular Game Zone 3/6 limits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fox squirrels may not be hunted or taken.</li> <li>• All reptiles and amphibians are protected.</li> <li>• No raccoon hunting allowed.</li> </ul>
<b>Henderson Heritage Preserve WMA Aiken County</b>	
<b>Deer Archery Only</b>	Oct. 1-Dec. 31 buck only Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26, Dec. 17, 24, 31 either-sex (1 deer per day, 3 deer total) not to include more than 2 bucks.)



<b>Game Zone 4</b>		
Kershaw, Chesterfield, Marlboro, Dillon, Florence, Marion & Horry counties		
This section WMA Only. For private land laws, regulations and seasons, see pages 28-30, 35-37.		
<b>SCDNR Offices</b>	Wildlife Offices: 295 S. Evander Dr., Florence, SC 843-661-4766 Georgetown, SC 843-546-3226	Law Enforcement Office: 295 S. Evander Dr., Florence, SC 843-661-4766

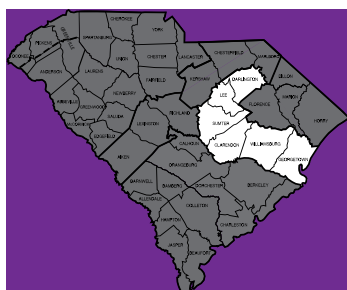
Area/Methods	Seasons/Limits
<b>Deer - Other WMAs</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sunday hunting for deer is prohibited on all WMAs.</li> <li>• Individual antlerless deer tags are valid on other "unnamed" WMAs starting Sept. 15. Tags do not alter the daily or season bag limits.</li> <li>• Archery allowed during all hunt periods (archery, muzzleloader or gun hunts).</li> <li>• During gun hunts on WMA lands, there shall be no hunting or shooting deer from, on, or across any road open to vehicle traffic.</li> </ul>	
<b>Youth Deer Hunt Day</b>	Jan. 7 2 deer/either-sex, no tags required (see page 56 for WMAs)
<b>Deer Archery only WMAs</b>	Sept. 1-14 buck only total of 3 deer for all archery hunts, 2 per day
<b>Deer Archery &amp; Gun Hunts WMAs</b>	Sept. 15-Dec. 31 buck-only Either-sex Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26, Dec. 17, 24, 31 2 per day 10 deer total with no more than 5 bucks
<b>Small Game - other WMAs</b>	Small Game seasons on WMAs listed below. No small game hunting on WMAs is allowed before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1. Additional small game season restrictions may apply to specific WMAs.
<b>Mourning Dove</b>	Sept. 3-5 (afternoons only) Sept. 6-Oct. 8, Nov. 19-26, Dec. 21-Jan. 15 15 per day
<b>Quail</b>	Sept. 1-Sept. 30, training season-dogs, no guns Nov. 21, 2011-Mar. 1, 2012 guns & dogs 12 per day
<b>Squirrel</b>	Sept. 1-Sept. 30 running season-dogs, no guns Oct. 1, 2011-Mar. 1, 2012 guns and dogs 10 per day
<b>Rabbit</b>	Sept. 1-Sept. 30 running season-dogs, no guns Nov. 24, 2011-Mar. 1, 2012 guns & dogs 5 per day
<b>Raccoon &amp; Opossum (Dogs at night only)</b>	Sept. 1-Sept. 14 running season-dogs, no guns Sept. 15-Mar. 1 guns & dogs 3 per party per night Opossum no limit.
<b>Fox (Dogs at night only)</b>	Sept. 1-Nov. 23 running season-dogs, no guns Nov. 24-Mar. 1 guns & dogs

Area/Methods	Seasons/Limits
<b>Bobcat, Mink, Muskrat, Skunk, Otter &amp; Weasel</b>	Nov. 24-Mar. 1 No limit
<b>Beaver</b>	Sept. 1-Mar. 1 No limit
<b>Crow</b>	Nov. 1 - Mar. 1 No limit
<b>Named WMAs</b>	
<b>Marsh WMA Marion County</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hunters may not take more than 3 deer total from Marsh WMA.</li> <li>• All visitors must sign in and out at the kiosk.</li> <li>• No ATV's.</li> <li>• No buckshot.</li> <li>• Wild hogs may only be taken during deer hunts &amp; special hog hunts.</li> <li>• A portion of Marsh WMA is designated a youth special hunt area and is closed for hunting except for special draw hunts.</li> </ul>	
<b>Deer Archery</b>	Oct. 3-8 either-sex 1 deer per day, Hogs no limit
<b>Deer Archery &amp; Muzzle-loader</b>	Oct. 10-22 either-sex 1 deer per day Hogs no limit
<b>Deer Gun Hunts</b>	Oct. 24-29, Nov. 7-19 buck only 1 deer per day, Hogs no limit
<b>Special Hog Still Gun Hunt</b>	Mar. 1-17 (Mon.-Sat.) Hogs Only May 3-June 30, 2012, Aug. 9-25, 2012(Thurs. - Sat. only) No Limit Archery, crossbows, centerfire rifles, muzzle-loading rifles, centerfire handguns and shotguns with slugs only.
<b>Special Hog Hunt with Dogs</b>	Jan. 2-28 (Mon.-Sat.), July 5-28, 2012 (Thurs.-Sat. only) No Limit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Handguns only</li> <li>• Limit of 4 bay or catch dogs</li> <li>• No live hogs removed</li> </ul>

Area/Methods	Seasons/Limits
<b>Marsh WMA Marion County (continued)</b>	
<b>Small Game</b>	
<b>Rabbit, Squirrel, Opossum, &amp; Quail</b>	Nov. 24-Feb. 29 (Wed.-Sat. only) Game Zone 4 limits No open season on fox squirrels.
<b>Woodcock</b>	Wed.-Sat. Federal season
<b>Raccoons</b>	Sept. 15-Mar. 1 (nights only) 3 per party per night
<b>Sand Hills State Forest WMA Chesterfield County</b>	
No hunting within the boundary of the H. Cooper Black, Jr. Memorial Field Trial and Recreation Area during scheduled field trials. Inquire at H. Cooper Black Jr. Headquarters about scheduled events or call 843-378-1555.	
<b>Deer Archery</b>	Sept. 15-Dec. 31 either-sex 2 per day, 3 deer total
<b>Deer Gun Hunts</b>	Oct. 1-Dec. 31 buck only Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26, Dec. 17, 24, 31 either-sex 2 per day 10 deer total with no more than 5 bucks • Muzzleloaders may be used during all gun hunts. • No buckshot allowed. • Individual antlerless deer tags may be used on days not designated as either-sex after Sept. 15. • No man drives allowed.
<b>Small Game</b>	
• No hunting within the boundary of the H. Cooper Black, Jr. Memorial Field Trial and Recreation Area during scheduled field trials. Inquire at Forest Headquarters about scheduled events or call 843-378-1555. No quail hunting allowed on H. Cooper Black, Jr. Memorial Field Trial Area. • Regular Zone 4 & 5 seasons & limits except no hunting before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1 and no daytime fox hunting allowed from Sept. 15-Jan. 1.	
<b>Special Coyote Still Hunt (No Dogs)</b>	Mar. 1-17 coyotes only No limit Electronic Calls Allowed Archery, crossbows, centerfire rifles, rimfire rifles, muzzleloading rifles, centerfire handguns and shotguns.
<b>McBee WMA Chesterfield County</b>	
<b>Deer Archery</b>	Sept. 15-Nov. 26 either-sex 2 per day, 3 deer total
<b>Deer Gun Hunts</b>	Oct. 1-Nov. 26 buck only Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26 either-sex 2 per day, 10 deer total with no more than 5 bucks No dogs during gun hunts. No buckshot.
<b>Small Game: Quail</b>	Hunts by drawing only. See page 31.
<b>Small Game other than Quail or Dove</b>	Regular Zone 4 seasons & limits except no hunting before Jan. 10 or after Mar. 1. No fox squirrel hunting.
<b>Cartwheel Bay Heritage Preserve WMA Horry County</b>	
• Hunters may not take more than 3 deer total from Cartwheel Bay HP WMA. • Hogs no limit. • Hogs may be harvested during any scheduled hunt.	
<b>Deer Archery</b>	Sept. 15-Oct. 1 buck only 1 deer per day Oct. 10-Nov. 5 either-sex 1 deer per day
<b>Small Game</b>	Nov. 7-Mar. 1 Game Zone 4 limits * No fox squirrel hunting
<b>Lewis Ocean Bay Heritage Preserve WMA Horry County</b>	
• Hunters may not take more than 5 deer total from Lewis Ocean Bay HP WMA. • Deer hunters must sign in and out daily and record harvest at the kiosk. • No hunting or shooting from, or on, any roads open to vehicular traffic. • Horseback riding is prohibited during all hunts. • No buckshot or dogs allowed.	
<b>Deer Archery</b>	Sept. 19-24, Oct. 3-22 either-sex 1 deer per day
<b>Deer Archery &amp; Muzzle-loader</b>	Oct. 24-Oct. 29, Nov. 14-19 either-sex 1 deer per day
<b>Deer Gun Hunts</b>	Nov. 28-Dec. 3, Dec. 12-19 buck only 1 buck per day
<b>Small Game</b>	Jan. 2-Mar. 1 Game Zone 4 limits * No fox squirrel hunting

Area/Methods	Seasons/Limits
<b>Little Pee Dee Heritage Preserve (HP) River Complex Horry &amp; Marion counties - Includes Little Pee Dee River HP, Tilghman HP, Dargan HP and Ward HP, also Upper Gunter's Island and Huggins tracts in Horry County which are part of Dargan HP.</b>	
• Hunters may not take more than 3 deer total from Little Pee Dee River Complex. • No buckshot or dogs allowed. • Wild hogs may be taken during any scheduled hunt.	
<b>Deer Archery</b>	Sept. 15-24 buck only 1 buck per day Oct. 1-15 either-sex 1 deer per day
<b>Deer Archery &amp; Muzzle-loader</b>	Oct. 24-29 buck only 1 buck per day Nov. 7-12 either-sex 1 deer per day
<b>Deer Gun Hunts</b>	Nov. 14-26 buck only 1 buck per day
<b>Special Hog Still Hunt</b>	Mar. 1-20, 2012 No limit hogs only, no dogs, no buckshot Archery, crossbows, centerfire rifles, muzzleloading rifles, centerfire handguns and shotguns with slugs only.
<b>Special Hog Hunt with Dogs</b>	Mar. 26-31, 2012 No limit • Handguns only, no more than 4 bay or catch dogs per party. • No live hogs removed from WMA.
<b>Small Game</b>	Nov. 24-Mar. 1 Game Zone 4 limits • No Fox squirrel hunting.
<b>Raccoon</b>	Sept. 15 - Mar. 1 3 per party per night
<b>Waccamaw River Heritage Preserve WMA Horry County</b>	
• Hunters may not take more than 2 deer total from Waccamaw River HP WMA. • Hogs may be harvested during any scheduled hunt. • No buckshot or dogs allowed. No limit on hogs.	
<b>Deer Archery</b>	Oct. 10-22 either-sex 1 deer per day
<b>Deer Archery &amp; Muzzle-loader</b>	Oct. 24-Nov. 5 either-sex 1 deer per day
<b>Deer Gun Hunts</b>	Nov. 14-26 buck only 1 buck per day
<b>Small Game</b>	
<b>Gray Squirrels &amp; Woodcock* only: No Fox Squirrel Hunting</b>	Nov. 24-Mar. 1 Game Zone 4 limits * Woodcock hunting allowed during federal seasons only.
<b>Raccoons</b>	Dec. 7-Feb. 29 (Wed. nights only) 3 per party per night
<b>Special Hog Still Hunt</b>	Mar. 1-20 No limit hogs only, no dogs, no buckshot Archery, crossbows, centerfire rifles, muzzleloading rifles, centerfire handguns and shotguns with slugs only.
<b>Hog Hunt with Dogs</b>	Mar. 21-24, 2012 No limit sidearms only, no more than 4 bay or catch dogs.
<b>Pee Dee Station Site WMA Florence County</b>	
• Hunters may not take more than 3 deer total from Pee Dee Station Site WMA. • Scouting days are Oct. 1-2, 15-16, Nov. 5-6 • Must sign in and out at kiosk. • No buckshot or dogs allowed.	
<b>Deer Archery</b>	Oct. 3-8 either-sex 1 deer per day
<b>Deer Archery &amp; Muzzle-loader</b>	Oct. 17-22, Nov. 7-12 either-sex 1 deer per day
<b>Special Hog Still Hunts</b>	Mar. 1-17 Hogs only, No Limit Archery, crossbows and muzzleloaders only
<b>Raccoon</b>	Sept. 15-Mar. 1 (Nights only) 3 per party per night
<b>Small Game</b>	Nov. 26-Feb. 29 (Wed. and Sat. only) Game Zone 4 limits

Area/Methods	Seasons/Limits
<b>Woodbury WMA Marion County</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quality Deer Management Area—antlered deer must have at least 4 points on 1 side or a minimum 12-inch antler spread. A point must be at least 1 inch long measured from the nearest edge of main beam to the top of the point.</li> <li>No more than 3 bucks total may be taken during all seasons combined regardless of method.</li> <li>All visitors must sign in and out at the kiosk.</li> <li>Hog hunting allowed only during deer hunts and special hog hunts.</li> <li>No buckshot.</li> <li>No ATV's allowed.</li> </ul>	
<b>Deer Archery</b>	Sept 15-Oct. 1 either-sex 1 deer per day, Hogs no limit
<b>Deer Archery &amp; Muzzle-loader</b>	Oct. 3-15 either-sex 1 deer per day, Hogs no limit
<b>Deer Gun Hunts</b>	Oct. 17-Dec. 31 <u>buck only</u> 1 deer per day, Hogs no limit Oct. 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26 Dec. 17, 24, 31 <u>either-sex</u>



## Game Zone 5

Sumter, Lee, Darlington, Clarendon, Williamsburg & Georgetown Counties

This section WMA Only. For private land laws, regulations and seasons, see pages 28-30, 35-37.

<b>SCDNR Offices</b>	Wildlife Offices: 295 S. Evander Dr., Florence, SC 843-661-4766; 420 Dirleton Rd, Georgetown, SC 843-546-9489.	Law Enforcement Offices: 295 S. Evander Dr., Florence, SC 843-661-4766 1000 Assembly St, Columbia, SC 803-734-4303

Area/Methods	Seasons/Limits
<b>Deer - Other WMAs</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sunday hunting for deer is prohibited on all WMAs.</li> <li>During gun hunts on WMA lands, there shall be no hunting or shooting deer from, on, or across any road open to vehicle traffic.</li> <li>Limits listed are a combined total per person for both private &amp; WMA lands.</li> <li>Individual antlerless deer tags are valid on other "unnamed" WMAs starting Sept. 15. Tags do not alter daily or season bag limits.</li> </ul>	
<b>Youth Deer Hunt Day</b>	Jan. 7 2 deer/either-sex, no tags required (see page 56 for WMAs)
<b>Deer Archery: Other WMAs</b>	Sept. 1- Dec. 31 <u>buck only</u> Except on either-sex days
<b>Deer Gun Hunts: Other WMAs</b>	Sept. 15-Dec. 31 <u>buck only</u> Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26, Dec. 17, 24, 31 <u>either-sex</u> 5 deer total 2 antlerless deer per day on either-sex days.
<b>Small Game-other WMAs</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Small Game seasons on WMAs are listed below.</li> <li>No small game hunting on WMAs is allowed before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1.</li> <li>Additional small game season restrictions may apply to specific WMAs.</li> </ul>	
<b>Mourning Dove</b>	Sept. 3-5 (afternoons only) 15 per day Sept. 6-Oct. 8, Nov. 19-26, Dec. 21-Jan. 15
<b>Quail</b>	Sept. 1-Sept. 30 training season-dogs, no guns Nov. 21, 2011-Mar. 1, 2012 guns & dogs 12 per day
<b>Squirrel</b>	Sept. 1-Sept. 30 running season-dogs, no guns Oct. 1, 2011-Mar. 1, 2012 guns & dogs 10 per day
<b>Rabbit</b>	Sept. 1-Sept. 30 running season-dogs, no guns Nov. 24, 2011-Mar. 1, 2012 guns & dogs 5 per day
<b>Raccoon &amp; Opossum: Dogs at night only</b>	Sept. 1-Sept. 14 running season-dogs, no guns Limit 3 Sept. 15-Mar. 1 guns & dogs 3 per party per night Opossum no limit.
<b>Fox (Dogs at night only)</b>	Sept. 1-Nov. 23 running season-dogs, no guns Nov. 24-Mar. 1 guns & dogs No limit

Area/Methods	Seasons/Limits
<b>Woodbury WMA Marion County (continued)</b>	
<b>Special Hog Still Gun Hunts</b>	Mar. 1-17 (Mon. - Sat.) Hogs only May 3-June. 30, 2012, Aug. 9-25 2012 (Thurs.-Sat only) No limit Archery, crossbows, centerfire rifles, muzzle-loading rifles, centerfire handguns and shotguns with slugs only.
<b>Special Hog Hunt with Dogs</b>	Jan. 2-28, July 5-28, 2012 Hogs only (Thurs.-Sat only) No limit • Limit of 4 bay or catch dogs • Handguns only • No live hogs removed from Woodbury WMA
<b>Small Game</b>	
<b>Gray Squirrels &amp; Quail</b>	Dec. 12-Mar. 1 No open season on fox squirrels Game Zone bag limits
<b>Rabbits</b>	Dec. 31-Mar. 1 Game Zone bag limits
<b>Raccoons</b>	Sept. 15-Mar. 1 (night only) 3 per party per night
<b>Fox</b>	Nov. 25-Mar. 1 (Nights only) Game Zone bag limits

Area/Methods	Seasons/Limits
<b>Bobcat, Mink, Muskrat, Skunk, Otter &amp; Weasel</b>	Nov. 24-Mar. 1 No limit
<b>Beaver</b>	Sept. 1-Mar. 1 No limit
<b>Crow</b>	Nov. 1-Mar. 1 No limit
<b>Named WMAs</b>	
<b>Great Pee Dee Heritage Preserve WMA Darlington County</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hunters may not take more than 3 deer total from Great Pee Dee HP WMA.</li> <li>For big game hunting, access is restricted from two hours before sunrise to two hours after official sunset. All visitors must sign in and out at the kiosk. Gates may be locked in wet weather.</li> <li>No buckshot.</li> <li>Dogs may not be used to hunt hogs.</li> <li>Hogs may be taken only during deer hunts or special hog hunts.</li> <li>Firearms must be unloaded and cased and not readily accessible when not in legal use.</li> </ul>	
<b>Deer Archery</b>	Oct. 3-15 either-sex 1 deer per day, hogs no limit
<b>Deer Archery &amp; Muzzle-loader</b>	Oct. 24-29 <u>either-sex</u> 1 deer per day (Hogs no limit.)
<b>Deer Gun Hunts</b>	Nov. 7-12 <u>buck only</u> 1 buck per day (Hogs no limit.)
<b>Special Still Gun Hog Hunt</b>	Feb. 6-25 Hogs only No limit Archery, crossbows, centerfire rifles, muzzle-loading rifles, centerfire handguns and shotguns with slugs only.
<b>Small Game</b>	
<b>Gray Squirrels &amp; Woodcock* only</b>	Nov. 14-Jan. 28 Game Zone 5 limits No fox squirrel hunting. *Woodcock hunting allowed during federal seasons only.
<b>Raccoons</b>	Sept. 15-Mar. 1 (Nights only) 3 per party per night

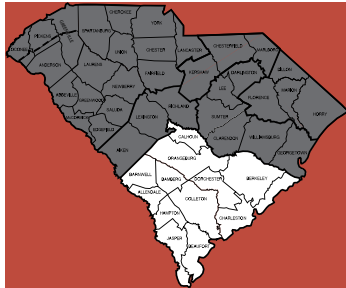


Area/Methods	Seasons/Limits
<b>Longleaf Pine Heritage Preserve WMA Lee County</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Individual antlerless deer tags valid on days not designated as either-sex after Sept. 15.</li> <li>No buckshot or dogs allowed.</li> </ul>	
<b>Archery</b>	Sept. 1-14, <u>buck only</u> 2 deer per day
<b>Archery &amp; Gun Hunts</b>	Sept. 15-Nov. 23 <u>either-sex</u> 2 deer per day
<b>Small Game</b>	Nov. 24-Mar. 1 Game Zone 5 limits No fox squirrel hunting.
<b>Manchester State Forest (MSF) WMA Sumter County</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hunters may not take more than 5 deer total from Manchester State Forest WMA.</li> <li>Dog hunt clubs by drawing only. See WMA Public Draw Hunts on page 31.</li> <li>No buckshot allowed during gun hunts.</li> <li>No man-drives during either-sex hunts.</li> <li>Firearms must be unloaded and cased and not readily accessible when not in legal use.</li> <li>No deer hunting or shooting from, on, or across any road open to vehicle traffic.</li> <li>Hunting is prohibited within 300 yards of a residence.</li> <li>Hogs may be taken only during deer hunts.</li> <li>All hunters are reminded that the Palmetto Trail may be in use by nonhunters.</li> <li>Self Deer Check at Battens, Tuomey Kiosk and Manchester SF Headquarters.</li> <li>Some gates may be locked due to wet roads.</li> </ul>	
<b>Deer Archery</b>	Sept. 19-24 <u>either-sex</u> 1 deer per day
<b>Archery &amp; Muzzleloader</b>	Sept. 26-Oct. 1 <u>buck only</u> 1 buck per day Sept. 30 only <u>either-sex</u> 1 antlered buck & 1 antlerless deer per day
<b>Deer Gun Hunts</b>	Oct. 3-8, 10-15, 18-21, 25-28, Nov. 1-4, 8-12, 15-18, 21-26, 28-Dec. 2, 6-9, 12-16, 19-23, 26-31 <u>buck only</u> Oct. 6-8, 13-15, 28 Nov. 11-12, 17-18, 26, Dec. 16, 31 <u>either-sex</u> 1 buck per day; 1 antlered buck & 1 antlerless deer per day on either sex days.
<b>Small Game</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All hunters except dove, duck and turkey hunters are required to wear international orange coat, vest, or hat.</li> <li>Gates may be locked due to wet road conditions.</li> </ul>
<b>Dove</b>	Sat. afternoons only during 1st season in designated fields only. Any day during 2nd and 3rd seasons on general forest and designated fields. See Public Dove Field Regulations available in August.
<b>Quail: Manchester State Forest WMA (except Bland &amp; Tuomey Tracts)</b>	
	Nov. 24-Mar. 1 12 per day
<b>Quail: Bland &amp; Tuomey Tracts</b>	Dec. 5, 17, Jan. 4, 21, 28 Feb. 1 12 per day Quail hunters must pick up and return data cards at access points.
<b>Squirrel</b>	Nov. 24-Mar. 1 10 per day No squirrel hunting on Bland & Tuomey Tracts during scheduled quail hunts.
<b>Rabbit</b>	Nov. 24-Mar. 1 5 per day No rabbit hunting on Bland & Tuomey Tracts during scheduled quail hunts.
<b>Raccoon: Night only</b>	Nov. 24-Mar. 10 3 per party per night
<b>Fox: Night only</b>	Nov. 24-Mar. 10 No limit during gun season
<b>Lynchburg Savanna Heritage Preserve WMA Lee County</b>	
Small game only - no deer hunting	
<b>Small Game</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Private land seasons and limits apply to this area <b>except</b>, no hunting before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1.</li> <li>No fox squirrel hunting.</li> </ul>	
<b>Hickory Top WMA Clarendon Co.</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hunters may not take more than 8 deer total from Hickory Top WMA. Hogs no limit.</li> <li>Feral hogs and coyotes may be taken during all hunts except within Greentree Reservoir from Nov. 1- Mar. 1.</li> <li>Data cards required for hunter access. Completed data cards must be returned daily upon leaving the WMA.</li> </ul>	

Area/Methods	Seasons/Limits
<b>Hickory Top WMA Clarendon Co. (Continued)</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hickory Top Greentree Res. is closed to public access from Nov. 1-Mar. 1 except for scheduled waterfowl hunts. WMA permit required.</li> </ul>	
<b>Deer Archery</b>	Sept. 1-14 <u>buck only</u> 2 bucks per day Sept. 15-Dec. 31 <u>either-sex</u> 2 deer per day
<b>Deer Muzzleloader (No Dogs)</b>	Nov. 1-Dec. 31 <u>either-sex</u> 2 deer per day
<b>Small Game</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public waterfowl hunting without a Wildlife Management Area (WMA) permit will be allowed on all land and water below 76.8' following current regulations governing waterfowl hunting on Lake Marion. Waterfowl hunting at or above 76.8' elevation requires a WMA permit. Waterfowl hunters crossing WMA lands to hunt areas below 76.8' lake elevation must have their guns unloaded and cased.</li> <li>Private land seasons and limits apply except no hunting before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1; quail 8 per day.</li> <li>No open season on fox squirrels.</li> <li>Hogs and coyotes may be taken during small game hunts with small game firearms only.</li> </ul>	
<b>Oak Lea WMA Clarendon County</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hunters may not take more than 10 deer total from Oak Lea WMA.</li> <li>Data cards required for hunter access. Completed data cards must be returned daily upon leaving Oak Lea WMA.</li> </ul>	
<b>Deer Archery</b>	Sept. 15-22 <u>either-sex</u> 2 deer per day
<b>Archery &amp; Muzzleloader</b>	Sept. 23-30 <u>either-sex</u> 2 deer per day
<b>Deer *Still Gun Hunts</b>	Party hunts 3 deer per day, 1 buck/day Hunters selected by drawing 20 per hunt *Still Gun Hunters are selected by public drawing. Parties of 8-10 (8 min./10 max.). Parties may hunt for 4 days (Wed.-Sat.). Hunt periods will be approximately weekly (Oct.1-Jan.1). SC Forestry Commission will handle drawing 803-494-8196.
<b>Small Game</b>	Small game (except quail) Jan. 2 - Mar. 1 except no small game hunting during scheduled quail hunts.
<b>Quail Hunts</b>	Dec. 5, 17, Jan. 4, 21, 28, Feb. 1 12 per day Quail hunters must pick up and return data cards at kiosk.
<b>Dove</b>	Dove hunts on designated days only. Seasons and limits published in the Public Dove Field List available in Aug..
<b>Santee Dam WMA Clarendon Co.</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hunter access by watercraft only from Borrow Point Landing (Clarendon Co.) or Wilson's Landing (Berkeley Co.) except during scheduled dove hunts (see Migratory Bird Regulations)</li> </ul>	
<b>Hunters may not take more than 8 deer total from Santee Dam WMA.</b>	
<b>Deer Archery (No Dogs)</b>	Sept. 1-14 <u>buck only</u> 2 bucks per day Sept. 15-Dec. 31 <u>either-sex</u> 2 deer per day
<b>Deer Muzzleloader</b>	Sept. 15-Dec. 31 <u>either-sex</u> 2 deer per day (Hogs no limit.)
<b>Still Hog Hunts (No Dogs) Archery &amp; Muzzleloader</b>	Jan. 3. - Mar. 1 No limit
<b>Small Game</b>	No fox squirrels.
<b>Dove</b>	Dove hunts on designated days only. Season and limits published in the Public Dove Fields List available in Aug..
<b>Small Game</b>	Jan. 2-Mar. 1 - Private land limits apply.
<b>Wee Tee WMA Williamsburg &amp; Georgetown Counties</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hunters may not take more than 8 deer total from Wee Tee WMA.</li> <li>No hunting from vehicles or from or on roads open to vehicle traffic.</li> </ul>	
<b>Deer Archery</b>	Sept. 15-Oct. 1 <u>either-sex</u> (Hogs no limit) 2 deer per day
<b>Deer Muzzleloader &amp; Archery</b>	Oct. 3-15 <u>either-sex</u> 2 deer per day Hogs no limit
<b>Deer Gun Hunts</b>	Oct. 17-Dec. 31 <u>buck only</u> 1 deer per day, hogs no limit Oct. 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26 Dec. 17, 24, 31 <u>either-sex</u>
<b>Special Hog Still Gun Hunt</b>	Mar. 1-17 (Mon.-Sat.) No Limit May 3-June 30, 2012 (Thurs. - Sat. only) Aug. 9-25, 2012 (Thur.-Sat)

Area/Methods	Seasons/Limits
<b>Wee Tee WMA Williamsburg &amp; Georgetown Counties (continued)</b>	
<b>Special Hog Hunt with Dogs</b>	Jan. 2-28 (M-Sat.), July 5-28, 2012 (Th-Sat. only) No Limit • Handguns only. • No more than 4 bay or catch dogs per party. • No live hogs removed from WMA
<b>Small Game</b>	Jan. 2-Feb. 25 Game Zone limits • Gray squirrels only. • No open season for fox hunting. • No fox squirrel hunting.
<b>Raccoon</b>	Sept. 15-Mar. 1 Nights Only 3 per party per night
<b>Santee Delta WMA Georgetown Co.</b>	
<b>Deer Archery (No dogs)</b>	Oct. 6-8, 13-15, 20-22, 27-29 <u>either-sex</u> 2 deer per day, hogs no limit Deer and hog hunters must sign in and out and complete a data card on harvested animals at the east side of the Delta.

Area/Methods	Seasons/Limits
<b>Santee Delta WMA Georgetown Co. (continued)</b>	
<b>Special Hog Still Gun Hunts</b>	Mar. 21-23, 2012 No limit • Wild hogs may only be hunted from elevated stands, shotgun with slug only or muzzleloader, no buckshot. • No live hogs to be removed from WMA.
<b>Hog Hunts with Dogs</b>	Mar. 17, 24, 2012 No limit Handguns only, no more than 4 bay or catch dogs per party
<b>Samworth WMA Georgetown Co.</b>	
<b>Archery (Impoundments only)</b>	Oct. 6-8, 13-15, 20-22, 27-29 <u>either-sex</u> 2 deer per day Hogs no limit. No dogs.
<b>Special Hog Gun Hunts</b>	Mar. 1-3, 22-24, 2012 No limit • Wild hogs may only be hunted from elevated stands, <b>impoundments only</b> , shotgun with slug or muzzleloader, no buckshot. • No live hogs to be removed from WMA



<b>Game Zone 6</b>		
Allendale, Barnwell, Bamberg, Beaufort, Berkeley, Calhoun, Charleston, Colleton, Dorchester, Hampton, Jasper & Orangeburg counties		
This section WMA Only. For private land laws, regulations and seasons, see pages 28-30, 35-37.		
<b>SCDNR Offices</b>	Wildlife Offices: 305 Black Oak Rd, Bonneau, SC 843-825-3387; 585 Donnelley Dr., Highway 17, Green Pond, SC 843-844-8957; Webb Center, 1282 Webb Ave., Garnett SC 803-625-3569;	P. O. Box 23, New Ellenton, SC 803-725-3663; Francis Marion Hunt Unit 843-825-3387; Dungannon HP WMA 843-844-8957. Law Enforcement Offices: 1000 Assembly St., Columbia, SC 803-734-4303, 217 Ft. Johnson Rd., Charleston SC 843-953-9307

Area/Methods	Seasons/Limits
<b>Named WMAs</b>	
Sunday hunting for deer is prohibited on all WMAs.	
<b>Youth Still Deer Hunt Day</b>	Jan. 7 2 deer/either-sex, no tags required (see page 56 for WMAs)
<b>Francis Marion Hunt Unit, Berkeley &amp; Charleston counties</b>	
Tibwin special use area (in Wambaw) is closed to hunting except for special hunts. • During still gun hunts for deer, there shall be no hunting or shooting from, on, or across any road open to vehicle traffic. • No buckshot is allowed on still gun hunts. • Shotguns and buckshot only during dog drive hunts. • On either-sex deer hunts with dogs, all deer must be checked in by 1 hour after legal sunset. • On all still gun and muzzleloader either-sex hunts for all Units, all does must be tagged with an individual antlerless deer tag except when harvested on county-wide either-sex days. Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26 Dec. 17, 24, 31. • No more than 4 deer total may be taken during gun and muzzleloader hunts. • No still gun or archery hunting during deer dog drive hunts. • On youth deer hunts, only youths 17 and younger may carry a gun and must be accompanied by an adult 21 years old or older. • Hogs may be harvested during any scheduled hunt.	
<b>Hellhole WMA Francis Marion National Forest</b>	
<b>Deer Archery</b>	Sept. 1-14 <u>buck only</u> 2 deer per day Sept. 15 - Sept. 30 <u>either-sex</u> Hogs no limit.
<b>Deer Still Gun Hunts</b>	Oct. 1-Dec. 31 <u>either-sex</u> 2 deer per day, Hogs no limit. No still hunting during scheduled dog drive hunts.
<b>Deer Dog Drive Hunt</b>	Dec. 3 <u>buck only</u> 2 deer total Nov. 5 <u>either-sex</u> • No still hunting and no rifles. • All deer must be checked at Bonneau Ferry entrance, M&B Community Mart or Hellhole check station on Nov. 5 only.
<b>Youth Only Dog Hunt</b>	Nov. 19 <u>either-sex</u>
<b>Northampton WMA Francis Marion National Forest</b>	
<b>Deer Dog Drive Hunt</b>	Sept. 24, Oct. 5-6, Nov. 25, Dec. 28 <u>buck only</u> 2 bucks per day; 2 deer per day on either-sex days, Hogs no limit. All deer must be checked at P&C Grocery, Awendaw Check Station, Honey Hill Lookout Tower or Kangaroo in Jamestown on Dec.10 only.

Area/Methods	Seasons/Limits
<b>Northampton WMA (continued)</b>	
<b>Youth Only Dog Hunt</b>	Jan. 7 <u>either-sex</u>
<b>Archery Hunts</b>	Sept. 1-14 <u>buck only</u> 2 deer per day, hogs no limit Sept. 15-30 <u>either-sex</u>
<b>Deer Gun Hunts</b>	Oct. 1- Dec. 31 <u>either-sex</u> 2 deer per day, hogs no limit (No still hunting during scheduled dog drive hunts.)
<b>Santee WMA Francis Marion National Forest</b>	
<b>Deer Dog Drive Hunt</b>	Nov. 5 <u>either-sex</u> 2 deer per day/2 deer per day on <u>either-sex</u> days, hogs no limit Sept. 9-10, Oct. 19-20, Dec. 2 <u>buck only</u> All deer must be checked at Bonneau Ferry WMA entrance, Hellhole check station or M&B Alvin Com. Mart on Nov. 5.
<b>Youth Only Dog Hunt</b>	Oct. 1 <u>either-sex</u>
<b>Archery Hunts</b>	Sept. 1-14 <u>buck only</u> 2 deer per day, hogs no limit Sept. 15-30 <u>either-sex</u>
<b>Deer Gun Hunts</b>	Oct. 1- Dec. 31 <u>either-sex</u> 2 deer per day, hogs no limit (No still hunting during scheduled dog drive hunts.)
<b>Wambaw WMA Francis Marion National Forest</b>	
<b>Seewee Special Use Area (No Dogs) Archery Only</b>	Sept. 1-14 <u>buck only</u> 2 bucks per day, 2 deer per day on <u>either sex</u> days Sept. 15-Dec. 31 <u>either-sex</u>
<b>Deer Dog Drive Hunt</b>	Sept. 23, Oct. 8, Nov. 16-17, Dec. 26-27 <u>buck only</u> 2 bucks per day; hogs no limit, 2 deer per day on <u>either-sex</u> days Dec. 10 <u>either-sex</u> • Still gun hunts only east of Highway. 17. Rifles allowed. • All deer must be checked at Awendaw check station, P&C Grocery, Kangaroo in Jamestown or Honey Hill Lookout Tower only on Dec. 10
<b>Youth Only Dog Hunt</b>	Oct. 22 <u>either-sex</u>
<b>Archery Hunts</b>	Sept. 1-14 <u>buck only</u> 2 deer per day, hogs no limit Sept. 15-30 <u>either-sex</u>

Area/Methods	Seasons/Limits
<b>Wambaw WMA (continued)</b>	
<b>Deer Gun Hunts</b>	Oct. 1- Dec. 31 <u>either-sex</u> 2 deer per day, hogs no limit (No still hunting during scheduled dog drive hunts.)
<b>Waterhorn WMA Francis Marion National Forest</b>	
<b>Deer Archery Only</b>	Sept. 1-14 <u>buck only</u> 2 deer per day Sept. 15-30 <u>either-sex</u>
<b>Deer Archery &amp; Muzzleloader</b>	Oct. 24-Nov. 5 <u>either-sex</u> 2 deer per day Hogs no limit.
<b>Still Gun Hunts</b>	Oct. 7-8, Oct. 14-15, Nov. 11-12, Nov. 25-26 <u>buck only</u> Dec. 5-10, Dec. 26-31 <u>either-sex</u> 2 deer per day; Hogs no limit, 2 deer per day on <u>either-sex</u> days
<b>Hog Hunts with dogs: Francis Marion Hunt Unit</b>	
<b>Waterhorn</b>	Feb. 4, 18, Mar. 10, 2012 No limit
<b>Wambaw</b>	Feb. 11, 25, Mar. 3, 2012 No limit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No more than 4 bay or catch dogs per party. No still or stalk hunting permitted. 1 shotgun per party (buckshot only). Sidearms permitted. Hog hunters must have a hunting license, WMA permit, and are required to wear international orange color while hunting. Hogs may not be transported alive. Hogs taken must be brought to the check station and a data card completed.</li> <li>Hog hunters must sign a register at Elmwood Check Station upon entering and leaving Waterhorn WMA.</li> <li>Hog hunters must sign in and out at Honey Hill Lookout Tower or Awendaw Check Station upon entering and leaving Wambaw WMA.</li> <li>Hunts are from legal sunrise to legal sunset.</li> </ul>	
<b>Francis Marion Forest Still Hog Hunts (no dogs)</b>	Mar. 2-20 Hogs only No limit Archery, crossbows, centerfire rifles, muzzle-loading rifles, centerfire handguns and shotguns with slugs only (No Buckshot).
<b>Small Game: Francis Marion Hunt Unit</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Game Zone 6 private land seasons <b>except</b> quail limit 8 per day and no hunting before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1.</li> <li>Dogs are allowed during small game gun season only.</li> <li>Closed during scheduled deer and hog hunting periods on Waterhorn and when dogs are used on Wambaw, Northampton, Hellhole and Santee WMAs.</li> <li>No fox or coyote hunting with dogs on the Francis Marion NF.</li> </ul>	
<b>Bear Island WMA Colleton County</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All hunters must sign in and out at the Bear Island check station</li> <li>Hunting in designated areas only. • Hogs may be harvested during any scheduled hunt. • Campground closes Nov. 2</li> </ul>	
<b>Archery</b>	Oct. 7-15 <u>either-sex</u> 3 deer total, hogs no limit
<b>Gun Hunts (Rifles only)</b>	Still gun hunts by drawing only. See WMA Public Draw Hunts on page 31.
<b>Party Hog Hunt with dogs</b>	Mar. 1-3, 2012 Handguns only No limit • Hog hunters required to wear a hat, coat or vest of international orange while hunting. Hogs may not be taken from Bear Island alive and all hogs harvested must be checked at the check station. • No more than 4 dogs per party. • Gate opens at 5 am.
<b>Small Game</b>	• Hunters must sign in and out at the Bear Island ck station. • Hunting in designated areas only.
<b>Quail</b>	Feb. 7- Mar. 1 (Tuesdays only) 12 per day
<b>Raccoon &amp; Opossum</b>	Feb. 8 - Mar. 14 Game Zone 6 limits (Wed. & Fri. nights only)
<b>Other Small Game</b>	Feb. 8 - Feb. 29 Game Zone 6 limits (Wed. & Sat. only)
<b>Waterfowl</b>	Waterfowl hunts by drawing only. See WMA Public Draw Hunts on page 31.
<b>Donnelley WMA Colleton County</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hunters must sign in and out at the check station.</li> <li>Hunting in designated areas only.</li> <li>Gates will open at 4:00 AM for deer hunts.</li> <li>Open for archery scouting Sept. 30, Oct. 31, Nov. 30 (10AM-2PM).</li> <li>Bucks must have a minimum 4 pts. on one side or a 12" minimum antler spread.</li> <li>Hogs can be taken during any scheduled hunt.</li> </ul>	

Area/Methods	Seasons/Limits
<b>Donnelley WMA Colleton County (continued)</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hog hunters are required to wear a hat, coat or vest of international orange.</li> <li>Hogs may not be taken alive, and all hogs harvested must be checked at the check station.</li> <li>No more than 4 bay or catch dogs per party.</li> </ul>	
<b>Deer Archery</b>	Oct. 1, 3-5, Nov. 1-5 Dec. 1-3, 5 <u>either-sex</u> 4 deer per season. No more than 2 bucks.
<b>Deer Gun Hunts</b>	Still gun hunts by drawing only. See WMA Public Draw Hunts on page 31.
<b>Party Hog Hunts</b>	Mar. 1-3, 2012 with dogs No limit Gate open at 5:00 am
<b>Small Game</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hunters must sign in and out at the check station.</li> <li>Hunting in designated areas only.</li> <li>Gates will open at 6:00 am.</li> </ul>
<b>Dove</b>	Organized hunts only. Season and limits published in the Public Dove Fields List available in Aug..
<b>Raccoon &amp; Opossum</b>	Dec. 6 - Mar. 13 Game Zone 6 limits. (Tu. & Fri. nights only) Opossum no limit.
<b>Other Small Game</b>	Dec. 7 - Feb. 29 Game Zone 6 limits (Wed. & Sat. only) Fox squirrels may not be hunted or taken at Donnelley WMA.
<b>Waterfowl</b>	Waterfowl hunts by drawing only. See WMA Public Draw Hunts on page 31.
<b>Hatchery WMA Berkeley County</b>	
<b>Deer Archery</b>	Sept. 1-14 <u>buck only</u> (8 deer total) Sept. 15-Nov. 12 <u>either-sex</u> 2 deer per day Hatchery is closed to fishing each Saturday morning during waterfowl season and all day the last Saturday of waterfowl season.
<b>Bonneau Ferry WMA Berkeley County</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adult/Youth side open only to youth 17 and younger who must be accompanied by only one adult 21 years of age or older. Youth hunters must carry a firearm and hunt. Adults with youth hunters may also carry a firearm and hunt. Includes all big game and small game hunts.</li> <li>All hunters must sign in and sign out upon entering and leaving any hunt on Bonneau Ferry WMA.</li> <li>All deer must be checked at the main entrance.</li> <li>Hunting access by boat is prohibited.</li> <li>Hogs no limit, may be harvested during any scheduled hunt.</li> <li>No fox or bobcat hunting with dogs.</li> <li>Hunters may not enter WMA before 5:00 am.</li> <li>Limit 2 deer/day; total 8 deer for all hunts. No more than 2 antlered deer.</li> </ul>	
<b>Deer Archery (Area A)</b>	Sept. 1-14 <u>buck only</u> Sept. 15-20, Nov. 14-30 <u>either-sex</u>
<b>Deer Still Gun Hunts (Area A)</b>	No open season except for hunters selected by computer drawing (Sept. 29- Oct. 1, 6-8, 13-15, 20-22, 27-29 Nov. 3-5).
<b>Deer Still Gun Hunts: Adult/Youth Only (Area B)</b>	Sept. 16-Dec. 31 (Wed., Fri., Sat. only) and Nov. 21-26, Dec. 20-Dec. 31 <u>either-sex</u>
<b>Small Game</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shotguns must be plugged to hold no more than 3 shots.</li> <li>Quail hunters must pick up, accurately fill out and return data card at the main entrance.</li> <li>No fox squirrel or fox hunting.</li> </ul>
<b>Quail (Area A)</b>	Feb. 4, 18 Limit 8 quail per day
<b>Quail (Area B)</b>	Feb. 4, 18 Adult/youth only Limit 8 quail per day
<b>Other Small Game</b>	
<b>Area B (Adult/Youth) and Area A</b>	Jan. 2-Mar. 1 Game Zone 6 limits Except closed during quail hunts (Feb. 4, 18)



Area/Methods	Seasons/Limits
<b>Bonneau Ferry WMA Berkeley County (continued)</b>	
<b>Raccoons &amp; Opossum</b>	
<b>Area B (Adult/Youth) and Area A</b>	Jan. 3-Feb. 28 Tue. & Sat. nights only Game Zone 6 limits
<b>Santee Coastal WMA Charleston County</b>	
• Hogs may be harvested during any scheduled hunt.	
<b>Deer Archery</b>	Nov. 7-12, 21-26 either-sex 2 deer per day. Hogs no limit. • Hunting is allowed on the mainland only at Santee Coastal WMA. • Hunters must sign in and out and complete a data card on harvested deer. • No possession of handguns or sidearms during archery only hunts.
<b>Deer Archery &amp; Muzzleloader</b>	Dec. 1-3 either-sex 1 deer/day. Hogs no limit.
<b>Hog Hunts with Dogs</b>	Feb. 9, 23, Mar. 16 & 23. No limit, hand guns only, no more than 4 bay or catch dogs per party. Hogs may not be taken from Santee Coastal Reserve alive. All hogs must be checked at check station. Hog hunters must wear international orange.
<b>Small Game</b>	
<b>Quail</b>	Jan. 25-Feb. 29 (Wed. & Sat. only) Limit 8 /day
<b>Other Small Game</b>	Jan. 25-Feb. 29 (Wed. & Sat. only) Game Zone 6 limits Fox squirrels may not be hunted.
<b>Raccoons &amp; Opossums</b>	Jan. 24-Feb. 28 Regular Game Zone 6 limits (Tues. & Fri. nights only)
<b>Dungannon Heritage Preserve WMA Charleston County</b>	
<b>Deer Archery (No Dogs)</b>	Oct. 15-Dec. 1 either-sex 2 deer per day total Hogs No limit . 8 deer per season
<b>Moultrie Hunt Unit Berkeley County</b>	
• No open season on fox squirrels • Quail 8 per day • No hunting or shooting within 50 feet of the center of any road during gun hunts for deer except for SCDNR draw youth hunts. • Hunters may not take more than 8 deer total from Moultrie Hunt Unit during gun hunts.	
<b>North Dike WMA Moultrie Hunt Unit</b>	
<b>Deer Gun Hunts (No Buckshot/No Dogs)</b>	Aug. 19-Sept. 30 buck only 2 deer per day Oct. 1-29 either-sex Individual antlerless tags are valid on days not designated as either-sex on or after Sept. 15.
<b>Small Game</b>	
• Small Game seasons and limits on WMAs are the same as Game Zone 6 except quail 8 per day. No hunting before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1. • Closed to small game hunting Wed. and Fri. during Nov.-Dec. Sandy Beach Waterfowl Area open for Raccoon hunting Feb. 1-Mar. 1.	
<b>Hall WMA except Cross Station Special Use Area Moultrie Hunt Unit</b>	
<b>Deer Archery (No Dogs)</b>	Sept. 1-14 buck only 2 bucks per day Sept. 15-Dec. 31 either-sex 2 deer per day
<b>Small Game</b>	Jan. 2-Mar. 1 shotguns only
<b>Greenfield WMA Moultrie Hunt Unit</b>	
<b>Deer Gun Hunts (No Buckshot)</b>	Nov. 1-Dec. 31 buck only 2 per day Nov. 3-5, Dec. 26-31 either-sex 2 per day
<b>Small Game</b>	Sept. 1 - Mar. 1.
<b>Bluefield WMA: Adult/Youth area only Moultrie Hunt Unit</b>	
<b>Deer Gun Hunts (No Buckshot)</b>	Aug. 17-Sept. 14 buck only (Wed. & Sat. only) 2 deer per day Sept. 17-Dec. 31 either-sex (Wed. & Sat. only) 2 deer per day Open only to youth 17 years of age or younger accompanied by an adult at least 21 years of age. Youth hunters must carry a firearm and hunt. Adults may also carry a firearm and hunt.
<b>Small Game</b>	Sept. 1-Mar. 1 No small game hunting during scheduled deer hunts.

Area/Methods	Seasons/Limits
<b>Porcher WMA Moultrie Hunt Unit</b>	
<b>Deer Archery (No Dogs)</b>	Sept. 1-14 buck only 2 deer per day Sept. 15-Dec. 31 either-sex 2 deer per day
<b>Small Game</b>	Jan. 2 - Mar. 1 Shotguns only
<b>Cross Station Moultrie Hunt Unit</b>	
<b>Designated youth draw deer hunts only.</b>	
<b>Santee Cooper WMA Orangeburg County</b>	
Quality Deer Management Area - bucks must have minimum 4 points on one side, or a minimum 12 inch antler spread, or be spikes with 2 points (see Regulation 4.1). Campground is open during scheduled deer hunts. Data cards required for hunter access including by boat. Completed data cards must be returned daily upon leaving Santee Cooper WMA. Total 8 deer per season for all hunts combined. No more than 2 bucks. • No fishing within WMA beginning Oct. 1 through 2 <sup>nd</sup> full week in Dec. • Hunters limited to 2 deer/tree stands which must contain label with hunter's name and address. • No deer stand can be placed on WMA prior to Sept. 15	
<b>Deer Archery</b>	Oct. 3-8 either-sex 2 deer per day no more than 1 buck per day
<b>Deer Muzzleloader and Archery</b>	Oct. 10-15, Nov. 7-12, Dec. 12-17 either-sex 2 deer per day no more than 1 buck per day
<b>Small Game</b>	
<b>Dove</b>	Designated fields on certain days. See Public Dove Fields List available in Aug..
<b>Small Game other than Dove</b>	Dec. 19-Mar. 1 Game Zone 6 limits Quail 8/day
<b>Raccoon</b>	Dec. 23-Feb. 25 Fri. & Sat. Nights Only
<b>Edisto River WMA Dorchester County</b>	
Hunters may not take more than 8 deer total from Edisto River WMA for the season. • Hogs may be harvested during any scheduled hunt.	
<b>Archery</b>	Sept. 15-30 either-sex 1 deer/day. Hogs no limit.
<b>Muzzleloader</b>	Oct. 3-15 either-sex 1 deer/day. Hogs no limit.
<b>Still Gun Hunts</b>	Oct. 17- Dec. 31 buck only 1 deer/day. Hogs no limit. Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 25-26, Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 23-24, 30-31 either-sex 1 deer/day
<b>Small Game</b>	Jan. 2 - Mar. 1 Game zone 6 bag limits except quail - 8 per day.
<b>Canal WMA Berkeley County</b>	
<b>Dove</b>	Designated fields on certain days. See Public Dove Fields List available in Aug..
<b>Quail Only</b>	Nov. 23, 26, Dec. 7, 10, 21, 24, Jan. 4, 7, 18, 21, Feb. 1, 4, 15, 18, 29 8 per day Quail hunters must pick up and return data cards at access points. Shotguns must be plugged so as not to hold more than 3 shells.
<b>Palachucola WMA Hampton &amp; Jasper counties</b>	
• All deer must be checked at check station. • No hunting or shooting from, or on, any roads open to vehicular traffic. • Bucks must have a minimum 4 points on one side or a minimum 12" antler spread. • Hog hunters must sign in and out and are required to wear a hat, coat or vest of international orange. • No hog hunting during small game hunts. • Hogs may not be taken from Palachucola alive. • Hunters may camp at Palachucola camping area nights prior to and during deer, hog and turkey hunts only. • Hogs may be taken during all deer hunts. • Firearms must be unloaded and cased when not hunting. • Data cards are required for hunter access. Completed data cards must be returned daily upon leaving Palachucola WMA.	
<b>Deer Archery</b>	Sept. 28-Oct. 15, Dec. 15-17 either-sex 3 deer total
<b>Deer Gun Hunts</b>	Still gun hunts by drawing only. See Wildlife Management Area Hunt Drawings on page 31.

Area/Methods	Seasons/Limits
<b>Palachucola WMA Hampton &amp; Jasper counties (continued)</b>	
<b>Still &amp; Stalk Hog Hunts (No Dogs)</b>	Sept. 1-3, Feb. 23-25 No limit May 10-12 archery & firearms Archery, crossbows, centerfire rifles, muzzleloading rifles, centerfire handguns and shotguns with slugs only.
<b>Hog Hunts with Dogs (Handguns only)</b>	Sept. 8-10 No limit Mar. 1-3, 8-10 • No more than 4 bay or catch dogs per party.
<b>Quail</b>	Jan. 11, 14, 25, 28 Feb. 1, 4, 15, 18 8 per day • Shooting hours end 30 minutes prior to official sunset
<b>Other Small Game</b>	Private land seasons and limits apply except, no hunting before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1 and no small game hunting on Sept. 28-Oct. 15, 20-22, 27-29, Nov. 10-12, 17-19, Dec. 8-10, 15-17 • Fox squirrels may not be hunted at Palachucola WMA.
<b>St. Helena Sound HP WMA Beaufort and Colleton counties</b>	
Hunting and camping by special permit which may be obtained at McKenzie Field Station, Bennetts Point, 843-844-8822. Camping Otter Island Only.	
<b>Ashe, Beet, Warren, Big &amp; South Williman Islands</b>	
<b>Deer Archery</b>	Oct. 1-Dec. 31 either-sex 3 deer total Hogs no limit.
<b>Otter Island</b>	
<b>Deer Archery</b>	Nov. 1-30 either-sex 2 deer total Hogs no limit.
<b>Raccoon</b>	Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28, Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25 Nights Only
<b>Tillman Sand Ridge HP WMA Jasper County</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All deer must be checked at check station.</li> <li>• All reptiles and amphibians are protected.</li> </ul>	
<b>Deer Archery</b>	Oct. 28-Nov. 12 either-sex 2 deer total
<b>Deer Archery &amp; Muzzleloader</b>	Dec. 12-15 buck only 2 deer total Dec. 9-10, 16-17 either-sex
<b>Small Game</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No hog hunting during small game hunts.</li> <li>• Private land seasons and limits apply <b>except</b>, no hunting before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1 and no small game hunting during scheduled deer hunts.</li> <li>• Fox squirrels may not be hunted at Tillman Sand Ridge HP WMA.</li> </ul>
<b>Turtle Island WMA Jasper County</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waterfowl hunting is open on Wed. &amp; Sat. during the waterfowl season.</li> <li>• Marsh hen hunting is open during the marsh hen season.</li> <li>• Other small game hunting is closed.</li> </ul>	
<b>Victoria Bluff HP WMA Beaufort County</b>	
All deer must be checked at check station.	
<b>Deer Archery</b>	Oct. 6-8, 13-15, 20-22, 27-29, Nov. 4-12, Dec. 2-10 either-sex 3 deer total per hunt period
<b>Small Game</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shotguns only (no shot larger than No. 2)</li> <li>• Private land, small game seasons and limits apply <b>except</b>, no hunting before Oct. 15 or after Feb. 1 and no small game hunting during scheduled deer hunts.</li> <li>• Fox squirrels may not be hunted at Victoria Bluff WMA.</li> </ul>
<b>James W. Webb WMA Hampton County</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bucks must have a minimum 4 points on one side or a minimum 12" antler spread.</li> <li>• Hog hunters must sign in and out and are required to wear a hat, coat or vest of international orange.</li> <li>• Hogs may not be taken from Webb WMA alive.</li> <li>• No more than 4 bay or catch dogs per party.</li> <li>• Hunters may camp at Bluff Lake the night prior to hog and turkey hunts only</li> <li>• Data cards are required for hunter access. Completed data cards must be returned daily upon leaving Webb WMA.</li> </ul>	
<b>Deer Hunts</b>	Still hunts by drawing only. See WMA Public Draw Hunts on page 31.
<b>Still &amp; Stalk Hog Hunts</b>	Sept. 1-3, Feb. 23-25, May 10-12 No limit Archery, crossbows, centerfire rifles, muzzleloading rifles, centerfire handguns and shotguns with slugs only.

Area/Methods	Seasons/Limits
<b>James W. Webb WMA Hampton County (continued)</b>	
<b>Hog Hunts (With dogs)</b>	Sept. 8-10, Mar. 1-3, 8-10 No limit handguns only
<b>Dove</b>	Organized hunts only. Seasons and limits published in Public Dove Field list available in Aug..
<b>Quail</b>	Jan. 11, 14, 25, 28, Feb. 1, 4, 15, 18 8 per day • Shooting hours end 30 minutes prior to official sunset
<b>Other Small Game</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Private land seasons and limits apply except, no hunting before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1 and no small game hunting or fishing on Mon. &amp; Fri. afternoons and evenings or on Tues. &amp; Sat. mornings from Sept. 14-Dec. 31.</li> <li>• Fox squirrels may not be hunted at James W. Webb WMA.</li> </ul>
<b>Hamilton Ridge WMA Hampton County</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Firearms must be unloaded and cased when not hunting.</li> <li>• Hogs may not be taken from Hamilton Ridge alive.</li> <li>• Bucks must have a minimum 4 points on one side or a minimum 12" antler spread.</li> <li>• No more than 3 bucks total may be taken during all seasons combined regardless of method.</li> <li>• Hogs can be taken during all deer hunts.</li> <li>• Scouting and stand placement allowed 1 day prior to hunts.</li> <li>• Data card required for hunter access</li> <li>• Completed data cards must be returned daily upon leaving Hamilton Ridge WMA.</li> <li>• No ATVs allowed on area.</li> <li>• Hog hunters are required to wear a hat, coat or vest of solid international orange while hunting.</li> <li>• Hunters may camp at designated camp ground one day prior to and during deer, hog and turkey hunts.</li> <li>• No hunting or shooting from or on any roads open to vehicular traffic.</li> </ul>	
<b>Gun Hunts</b>	Still gun hunts by drawing only. See WMA Public Draw Hunts on page 31.
<b>Deer Archery</b>	Sept. 19-24, Oct. 24-29, 31-Nov. 5, 14-19, Dec. 8-10 either-sex 2 deer per hunt period only 1 of which can be a buck
<b>Hog Hunts (with Dogs)</b>	Sept. 8-10, Mar. 1-3, 8-10 No limit Handguns only No more than 4 bay or catch dogs per party.
<b>Still &amp; Stalk Hog Hunts</b>	Sept. 1-3, Feb. 23-25, May 10-12 No limit • Archery and Firearms. No dogs. No buckshot. • Archery, crossbows, centerfire rifles, muzzleloading rifles, centerfire handguns and shotguns with slugs only. • No hog hunting during small game hunts.
<b>Quail</b>	Jan. 11, 14, 25, 28, Feb. 1, 4, 15, 18 8 per day • Shooting hours end 30 minutes prior to official sunset
<b>Other Small Game</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Private land seasons and limits apply except no hunting before Dec. 26 or after Mar. 1.</li> <li>• Fox squirrels may not be hunted at Hamilton Ridge WMA.</li> </ul>
<b>Old Island HP WMA Beaufort County</b>	
<b>Deer Archery</b>	Sept. 15-Dec. 31 either sex 2 deer total, 1 deer per day
<b>Botany Bay Plantation HP WMA Charleston County</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All hunters, fishermen and visitors must obtain a day use pass, fill out the requested information and follow all instructions on the pass.</li> <li>• Hunting access by boat is prohibited.</li> <li>• Bucks must have a minimum 4 points on one side or a minimum 12" antler spread.</li> <li>• No buckshot.</li> </ul>	
<b>Deer Archery</b>	Sept. 19-Oct. 1, Nov. 21-26, Dec. 19-24 Total 3 deer, either-sex, but only 1 buck
<b>Deer Gun Hunts</b>	Still gun hunts by drawing only. See WMA Public Draw Hunts on page 31.
<b>Small Game</b>	Jan. 4-Feb. 29 (Wed. and Sat. only) No fox squirrels Game Zone 6 bag limits except quail 8 per day
<b>Raccoons and Opossum</b>	Jan. 4-Mar. 15 (Wed., Thur. and Fri. only) Game Zone 6 bag limits

## Hog Hunting Seasons for WMAs and Heritage Preserves

Feral hog hunting on WMAs is permitted during any open season for game unless otherwise restricted (see specific WMAs). A hunting license and a WMA permit are required and hunters are required to wear a hat, coat or vest of solid international orange color while hunting. Hogs may not be transported alive. Hogs may not be hunted at night. On WMA lands, weapons used to hunt hogs are limited to the weapons that are allowed for the current open season on each WMA. On Special Hog Still Gun Hunts, weapons may include archery, crossbows, centerfire rifles, muzzleloading rifles, centerfire handguns and shotguns with slugs only except as specified for certain WMAs. For Special Hog Hunts with Dogs, no more than 4 bay or catch dogs per party, no still or stalk hunting and only handguns permitted except as specified for certain WMAs.

Swine brucellosis is caused by a bacteria and is primarily a reproductive tract disease in wild pigs that can be transmitted to humans. Infections are manifested by flu-like symptoms including fever, headaches, muscle and joint soreness and weakness. The fatality rate in humans is very low, but the disease often is prolonged and debilitating. Humans have contracted swine brucellosis from handling and dressing wild swine. This disease is present in many wild hog populations in SC. Persons dressing wild swine should take the following precautions: 1) use disposable rubber gloves and protective eyeglasses while dressing the carcass, 2) minimize handling of the reproductive tracts of both sexes, 3) dispose of waste parts by burying or burning, 4) clean up with hot water and soap after processing, and 5) cook meat thoroughly to 160 degrees F prior to eating.

Game Zn	Area	County	Still Hunting	Special Hunts with Dogs
1	WMAs - Greenville, Oconee, Pickens (portions of Greenville, Oconee, and Pickens North of Game Zone 2 line)		During open season for game (Game Zn 1 - Sept. 1 - Mar. 1)	Jan. 2-Mar.1
2	WMAs - Abbeville, Anderson, Chester, Cherokee, Edgefield, Greenwood, Lancaster, Laurens, McCormick, Newberry, York, (portions of Greenville, Oconee, and Pickens south of Game Zone 1 line)		During open season for game (Game Zn 2 - Sept. 1 - Mar. 1)	Feb. 1-Feb.15
3	Crackneck	Aiken	During deer hunts	Jan. 6 - Feb. 24 (Fridays only)
4	Marsh	Marion	During deer hunts and Mar. 1-17 (M-Sat.), May 3-June 30, Aug. 9-25, 2012 (Thurs. - Sat.)	Jan. 2-28, (M-Sat.) July 5-28, 2012 (Thurs. - Sat.)
4	Little Pee Dee River Comp.	Marion	During any scheduled hunts and Mar. 1-20	Mar. 26-31
4	Woodbury	Marion	During deer hunts and Mar. 1-17 (M-Sat.), May 3-June 30, Aug. 9-25, 2012 (Thurs. - Sat.)	Jan. 2-28, (M-Sat.) July 5-28, 2012 (Thurs. - Sat.)
4	Cartwheel Bay HP	Horry	During deer hunts (archery only)	
4	Waccamaw River	Horry	During any scheduled hunts and Mar. 1-20	Mar. 21 and 24
4	Pee Dee Station	Florence	During deer hunts and Mar. 1-17	
5	Manchester SF	Sumter	During deer hunts	
5	Samworth	Georgetown	During deer hunts and Mar. 1-3, 22-24 (elevated stands only) shotguns with slugs, muzzleloaders	
5	Great Pee Dee	Darlington	During deer hunts and Feb. 6-25	
5	Santee Dam	Clarendon	Archery Sept. 1-Mar. 1, Muzzleloader Sept. 15-Mar. 1	
5	Santee-Delta	Georgetown	During deer hunts Mar. 21-23 (elevated stands only) shotguns with slugs, muzzleloaders	Mar. 17 and 24
5	Wee Tee	Williamsburg, Georgetown	During deer hunts and Mar. 1-17 (M-Sat.), May 3-June 30, Aug. 9-25, 2012 (Thurs. - Sat.)	Jan. 2-28, (M-Sat.) July 5-28, 2012 (Thurs. - Sat.)
5	Hickory Top	Clarendon	During deer hunts	
6	Bear Island	Colleton	During any scheduled hunts.	Mar. 1-3
6	Bonneau Ferry	Berkeley	During any scheduled hunts	
6	Donnelley	Colleton	During any scheduled hunts	Mar. 3-5
6	Edisto River	Dorchester	During any scheduled hunts	
6	Francis Marion Nat. Forest			
	Hellhole	Berkeley	During any scheduled hunts and Mar. 2-20	
	Waterhorn	Berkeley	During any scheduled hunts and Mar. 2-20	Feb. 4, 18, Mar. 10 (handguns, shotguns, buckshot only)
	Wambaw	Berkeley	During any scheduled hunts and Mar. 2-20	Feb. 11, 25, Mar. 3 (handguns, shotguns, buckshot only)
	Northampton	Berkeley	During any scheduled hunts and Mar. 2-20	
	Santee	Berkeley	During any scheduled hunts and Mar. 2-20	
6	Santee Coastal	Charleston, Georgetown	During any scheduled hunts	Feb. 9, 23, Mar. 16, 23
6	Webb	Hampton	During deer hunts and Sept. 1-3 Feb. 23-25, May 10-12	Sept. 8-10, Mar. 1-3, 8-10
6	Hamilton Ridge	Hampton	During deer hunts and Sept. 1-3 Feb. 23-25, May 10-12	Sept. 8-10, Mar. 1-3, 8-10
6	Palachuola	Hampton, Jasper	During deer hunts and Sept. 1-3 Feb. 23-25, May 10-12	Sept. 8-10, Mar. 1-3, 8-10
6	Yawkey	Georgetown	Periodic announced hunts	
6	Dungannon	Charleston	During deer hunts (archery only)	



# Special SCDNR Hunts for Youth and the Mobility Impaired

## Age 17 & younger

Youth Hunts	Date	Location	Contact Info.
Turkey	Mar. 31, 2012	Private Lands Statewide; <b>Turkey tags required.</b> All WMA's normally open to turkey hunting except: Bear Island, Donnelley, Keowee, Santee Coastal Reserve, Santee Cooper, Hatchery Waterfowl Area, Bonneau Ferry, Belfast	
Raccoon	Sept. 10, 2011	Private Lands Only	
Squirrel	Sept. 24, 2011	Private Lands Only	
Quail	Nov. 19, 2011	Private Lands Only	
Rabbit	Mar. 3, 2012	Private Lands Only	
Deer	Jan. 7, 2012 Limit 2 deer, either sex; no tags required	Private Lands Statewide; All WMA's normally open to deer hunting except: Bear Island, Crackerneck, Donnelley, Draper, Fant's Grove, Keowee, McBee, Palachucola, Santee Coastal Reserve, Santee Cooper, Hatchery, Webb, Bonneau Ferry, Hamilton Ridge and Botany Bay Plantation.	
Youth Dove	Sept. 3	Abbeville Co. USFS	Participants selected by drawing. Applications available in July, deadline Friday, Aug. 12. Call SCDNR Columbia office for application (803-734-3886) or download application from SCDNR website. Youth must be accompanied by adult, at least 21 years old.
Youth Dove	Sept. 3	Union Co. USFS	Participants selected by drawing. Applications available in July, deadline Friday, Aug. 12. Call SCDNR Columbia office for application (803-734-3886) or download application from SCDNR website. Youth must be accompanied by adult, at least 21 years old.
Youth Dove	Sept. 3	Newberry Co. SCDOT	Participants selected by drawing. Applications available in July, deadline Friday, Aug. 12. Call SCDNR Columbia office for application (803-734-3886) or download application from SCDNR website. Youth must be accompanied by adult, at least 21 years old.
Youth Dove	Sept. 3	Draper WMA York Co.	Participants selected by drawing. Applications available in July, deadline Friday, Aug. 12. Call SCDNR Columbia office for application (803-734-3886) or download application from SCDNR website. Youth must be accompanied by adult, at least 21 years old.
Youth Dove	Sept. 3	Manchester State Forest	Participants selected by drawing. Applications available in July, deadline Friday, Aug. 12. Call SCDNR Columbia office for application (803-734-3886) or download application from SCDNR website. Youth must be accompanied by adult, at least 21 years old.
Youth Dove	Sept. 3	Oconee Co.	Participants selected by drawing. Applications available in July, deadline Friday, Aug. 12. Call SCDNR Columbia office for application (803-734-3886) or download application from SCDNR website. Youth must be accompanied by adult, at least 21 years old.
Youth Dove	Sept. 3	Santee Cooper WMA Orangeburg Co.	Participants selected by drawing. Applications available in July, deadline Friday, Aug. 12. Call SCDNR Columbia office for application (803-734-3886) or download application from SCDNR website. Youth must be accompanied by adult, at least 21 years old.
Youth Dove	Sept. 3	Anderson Co.	Participants selected by drawing. Applications available in July, deadline Friday, Aug. 12. Call SCDNR Columbia office for application (803-734-3886) or download application from SCDNR website. Youth must be accompanied by adult, at least 21 years old.
Youth Dove	Sept. 3	Botany Bay Plantation WMA	Region 4 SCDNR 843-844-8957, 843-869-2713
Youth Only Deer Draw Hunt	Nov. 5	Poinsett Gunnery Range Sumter Co.	Applications available in Sept.. Region 3 SCDNR 803-734-3898 or download application from SCDNR web site.
Youth Only Deer Draw Hunt	Oct. 15	Laura Lyn Farm Union Co.	Region I SCDNR 864-427-5140. Call or write for application or download application from SCDNR web site.
Youth Only Deer Draw Hunt	Nov. 12	10 Point Hunt Club Spartanburg Co.	Region I SCDNR 864-427-5140. Call or write for application or download application from SCDNR web site.
Youth Only Deer Draw Hunt	Oct. 1	Fants Grove WMA	Applications available in early Aug. Call Clemson office at 864-654-1671 ext. 16 or download application from SCDNR web site.
Youth Only Deer Draw Hunt	Selected days Oct.-Nov.	Belfast WMA	Applications available Aug. 20 through Sept. 20. Call SCDNR office 803-734-3898 or download application from SCDNR web site.
Youth Only Deer Draw Hunt	Selected days Oct.-Nov.	Moultrie Hunt Unit	Applications available Aug. 20 through Sept. 20. Call Dennis Wildlife Center at 843-825-3388 or 843-761-8820.
Youth Only Deer Draw Hunt	Selected Days	Tibwin (Francis Marion Hunt Unit)	Applications available early Sept.. Call U.S. Forest Service at 843-887-3258.
Youth Only Deer Draw Hunt	Dec. 17	Clinton House Plantation, Laurens Co.	Region I SCDNR 864-427-5140. Call or write for application or download application from SCDNR web site.
Youth Only Deer Draw Hunt	Nov. 12	Yelton Farm Spartanburg Co	Region 1 SCDNR 864-427-5140. Call or write for application or download application from SCDNR web site.
Youth Only Deer Draw Hunt	Oct. 15	Chufa Ridge Farm Union Co.	Region 1 SCDNR 864-427-5140. Call or write for application or download application from SCDNR web site.
Youth Only Deer Draw Hunt	Oct. 15	Johnson Farm Laurens Co Brownlee Farms Laurens Co	Region 1 SCDNR 864-427-5140. Call or write for application or download application from SCDNR web site.
Youth Only Deer Draw Hunt	Nov. 5	Horseshoe Falls Spartanburg Co.	Region 1 SCDNR 864-427-5140. Call or write for application or download application from SCDNR web site.
Youth Only Deer Draw Hunt	Nov. 19	Broken Arrow Hunt Club Cherokee Co.	Region 1 SCDNR 864-427-5140. Call or write for application or download application from SCDNR web site.
Youth Only Deer Draw Hunt	Dec. 17	Trophy Buck Club Union Co.	Region 1 SCDNR 864-427-5140. Call or write for application or download application from SCDNR web site.
Adult/youth deer, turkey and small game	See page 53	Bluefield WMA	Bluefield WMA is open only to youth 17 and younger who must be accompanied by an adult 21 years of age or older. Adult may hunt also. See page 53 for restrictions, dates and limits. For more information, call Dennis Wildlife Center at 843-825-3388.
Ad/youth deer, sm gm	See page 52	Bonneau Ferry Area B	See page 52 for restrictions, dates. For information, call Dennis Wildlife Center 843-825-3388.

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Youth Hunts	Date	Location	Contact Info.
Youth Only raccoon	Oct.	Darlington Co.	Contact Columbia SCDNR office for information at 803-734-3609.
Youth Only raccoon	Nov.	Edgefield Co.	Contact Columbia SCDNR office for information at 803-734-3609.
Youth Only raccoon	Nov.	Union Co.	Contact Columbia SCDNR office for information at 803-734-3609.
Youth Only raccoon	Nov.	Georgetown Co.	Contact Columbia SCDNR office for information at 803-734-3609.
Youth Only raccoon	Jan. 2012	Orangeburg Co.	For applications call Region 3 SCDNR 803-734-3898. Applications due before the first Saturday in Jan.
Youth Only raccoon	Jan. 2012	Colleton Co.	Contact Columbia SCDNR office for information at 803-734-3609.
S.C. Youth Raccoon Hunting Championship	Feb. 2012	Webb WMA	Participants are selected by regional Qualifying hunts. For more information, call the Furbearer Project at 803-734-3609 or Webb WMA at 803-625-3569.
Draw adult/youth turkey	Saturdays in Apr.	Santee Cooper, Donnelley, Bonneau Ferry, Belfast	WMA Turkey applications available in late Feb.. Call Columbia office at 803-734-3886. Applications due in Mar..
Draw Adult/Youth Waterfowl	Sat. during season.	Donnelley & Bonneau Ferry WMAs	Applications available in Oct.. Call Columbia office at 803-734-3609.
Mobility Impaired Hunts	Date	Location	Sponsor/Contact Info.
Most WMAs are located in remote areas without developed access. For questions concerning access conditions for specific properties and assistance contact DNR regional offices page 66.			
Deer	Selected dates	Tibwin, Charleston Co.	U.S. Forest Service & SCDNR. Call USFS McClellanville 843-887-3257.
Deer	Oct. 21-22 Fri.-pm/Sat.-am	Upstate Private Areas Cherokee, Spartanburg & Union counties	Private Landowners & SCDNR Region 1, 864-427-5140
Deer	Oct. 28-29 Fri.-pm/Sat.-am	Upstate Private Areas Laurens, Newberry, counties	Private Landowners & SCDNR Region 1, 864-427-5140
Turkey	Apr.	Tibwin	U.S. Forest Service & SCDNR. Call USFS McClellanville 843-887-3257.
<i>Note: Eligibility requirements for mobility impaired deer hunts at these locations are as follows: Persons permanently confined to a wheelchair, persons permanently requiring the use of mechanical aids (crutches, walkers, and etc.) to walk or persons with complete single or double leg amputations.</i>			

## Wildlife Diseases [www.dnr.sc.gov/wildlife/deer/chronicwasting](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/wildlife/deer/chronicwasting)

### Chronic Wasting Disease

Chronic Wasting Disease or CWD is a Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathy (TSE) that affects deer and elk. TSE's are fatal neurological diseases characterized by degeneration of the brain. CWD attacks the central nervous system and presents symptoms including extreme weight loss, excessive salivation and urination, odd behavior and poor coordination. The disease is infectious, communicable and always fatal. CWD has a prolonged incubation period and no current test exists to detect the disease in live animals. Diagnosis requires examination of the brain or lymph nodes.

The CWD agent is believed to be a prion, a mutated protein that causes normal proteins in the body to fold abnormally, which causes sponge-like holes in the brain. It is not known exactly how CWD is spread, but it is believed that the agent may be spread both by direct animal-to-animal contact and indirectly by contact with a previously contaminated surface, such as the soil.

There is no indication that CWD of deer and elk can be transmitted between species other than cervids (deer family), and both the World Health Organization and federal Centers for Disease Control have indicated that there is currently no indication that the disease can infect humans.

Although the disease has not been diagnosed in South Carolina, it has been found in the following states: Colorado, Illinois, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming and the Canadian provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan. Hunters traveling to these states should only bring the following carcass parts into South Carolina: quarters or other portions of meat with no part of the spinal column or head attached; meat that has been boned out; hides with no heads attached; clean (no meat or tissue attached) skulls or skull plates with antlers attached; antlers (detached from the skull plate); clean upper canine teeth, also called "buglers," "whistlers" or "ivories;" and finished taxidermy heads.

Surveillance conducted by SCDNR on approximately 5,000 deer over the last 9 years continues to provide no evidence of CWD in SC. South Carolina should continue to have low risk for CWD for two reasons. First, South Carolina is geographically far from any known CWD. Second, there

is evidence that movements of deer/elk for commercial purposes may have played a role in the spread of CWD, and SCDNR has historically had a closed-door policy on importation of cervids for commercial purposes like deer farming or ranching. Please, do not tolerate illegal activity or behavior that threatens your hunting tradition. You can proactively protect South Carolina's deer population by reporting illegal importation of deer or elk by calling 1-800-922-5431.

### Avian Influenza

Avian Influenza (AI) is a Type A influenza virus that naturally occurs in certain types of waterfowl and shorebirds around the world. Recently, a highly pathogenic AI has been found in domestic and wild birds in Asia, parts of Europe and North Africa. In these cases there has been significant mortality in infected birds, and humans have become sick from handling the sick birds. Most alarming is the fact that the death rate among the infected humans has been extremely high, averaging about 50%. At this time the experts believe that this is still primarily a bird disease, and the transmission of the virus from birds to humans does not occur easily. The documented human cases have been associated with close contact with infected poultry and wild birds.

The good news is that extensive sampling of domestic and wild birds has been done in North America including South Carolina. To this date, the virus creating the problems in other parts of the world has not been found on this continent. The SCDNR will continue to monitor shorebirds and waterfowl for the occurrence of this, and similar, viruses.

There is no need to panic. It is uncertain how this virus will move and change over time. Hunters should always pay attention to wildlife while afield. Report only multiple dead bird findings to SCDNR, except for birds of prey, as single dead birds are usually the result of various natural causes. Hunters should continue to hunt, take and dress game, cook it properly and eat it. All game should be dressed very soon after harvest and those dressing game should wear protective gear like rubber gloves and eye glasses. All game should be cooked to an internal temperature of at least 160 degrees Fahrenheit.